

Political fallout from Chernobyl disaster spreads across Europe

Poland calls EEC ban dishonest trick that threatens debt effort

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Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, said at the weekend that no Polish food products were contaminated by radioactivity to a degree which would be hazardous to health, except for fresh milk, which was not exported.

Mr Urban said Poland regarded the restrictions as "a discriminatory... expansion of political restrictions" and "a dishonest trick of competition" to edge Polish foodstuffs out of Western markets. He said Poland earned about \$1 billion (£645 million) a year from food exports, and any drop in hard currency earnings could cause difficulties in repaying the \$31 billion debt to the West.

"The creditor countries should see to our solvency through normalization of trade and financial relations with Poland," he said.

"We voice regret that the European Community countries, breaking with human solidarity, batten on a common, all-European grief, namely the contamination of the atmosphere and soil, and use this pretext to damage Poland's interests."

Poland said it has been conducting rigorous inspections of food exports at custom control points since May.

● BUDAPEST: The official news agency said yesterday that the EEC ban was motivated at least in part by protectionism (AP reports).

● WASHINGTON: The US Government has directed inspectors to ports and airports throughout the country to monitor food imported from 11 countries that may have been contaminated by radioactive material (Christopher Thomas writes).

They are Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, East Germany, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Japan and the Soviet Union.

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Friesian herd from Britain for Russia

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A consignment of 250 Friesian bulls and 200 pregnant cows is being assembled from British farms for shipment to the Soviet Union within the next few days.

It was emphasized yesterday that the deal was the result of negotiations which began several months ago, and disconnected with the Chernobyl disaster.

But the accident is expected to lead to new Russian orders for pedigree cattle from Britain and other West European countries to replace livestock killed or poisoned by the fallout.

The shipment is being organized by the British Livestock Company of Repton, Hertfordshire. Mr John Silver, a cattle breeder who farms near Enfield, and one of whose bulls is in the consignment, said yesterday that he had had several visits from Russian delegations in the past 18 months.

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op a 600ft power mast near a nuclear station for the third day yesterday. They said they would stay there until the plant was shut down.

In Lower Saxony about 6,000 people protested against a planned nuclear waste dump at Gorleben. Some set up road-blocks and lit fires. Police used tear gas and "pepper fog" to disperse them.

● ROME: The anti-nuclear march of 100,000 people through Rome on Saturday can thank the Chernobyl disaster for having provided the first confirmation of the ecologists' impressive influence in Italy. (Peter Nichols writes).

Two leaders of the march, Signor Fulco Pratesi, chairman of the Italian branch of the World Wildlife Fund, and Signor Chicco Testa, head of the Environmental League, placed a wreath at the Soviet Embassy with the message: "For the present and future victims of Chernobyl."

Political parties abandoned the demonstration, with the exception of the Radicals and the extreme left.

About 80 per cent of those questioned in a weekend poll said they wanted no more nuclear power stations in Italy. Three are in operation.



Ukrainian children in Britain, clutching flowers symbolizing young "victims of Chernobyl" in their homeland, gather at Hyde Park yesterday for a protest march to the Soviet Embassy in London. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia.)

Pollution complaint to Berlin

Booo - The East German peace movement protested about its country's unsatisfactory environmental protection measures on April 2, four weeks before the Chernobyl accident, it was disclosed at the weekend (Our Correspondent writes).

West German press reports said the movement had sent a 10-page paper to Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, and the official East German Communist Party newspaper, *Neues Deutschland*, calling for a "constructive dialogue" between the government and citizens.

The movement complained that East Germany held the top position in Europe for air and water pollution and destruction of the earth.

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Plant for Libya

The Soviet Union wants to help Libya to build a nuclear power plant "which will help the Libyan people economize in the production of oil", Mr Oleg Petyushkin, the Soviet ambassador in Tripoli, said in a Libyan television interview monitored by the BBC (Reuters reports).

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Students protest in support of Karmal

Islamabad (Reuters) - At least eight protests, most of them student demonstrations broken up by secret police, have been held in Kabul in support of the former Afghan Communist Party leader, Mr Babrak Karmal, Western diplomats said yesterday.

They quoted eyewitness reports from the Afghan capital describing the latest protest last Tuesday, when secret police beat up and hauled away two busloads of schoolgirls chanting "Death to Najibullah. We want Karmal. Out with the Soviets. We want an Islamic Government."

On the same day, schoolboys were beaten up when they protested against the former secret police chief, Mr Najib, who replaced Mr Karmal at a tense three-day Central Committee plenum guarded by Soviet tanks last weekend, the diplomats said.

They said the pro-Karmal protests began on April 30 at the university and picked up on May 2. Kabul seemed calmer later in the week. But Afghan troops were still billeted to the exclusive high school which Mr Karmal attended, and the nearby road leading to the Central Committee building was blocked until last Thursday.

Soviet troops threw a tight cordon around the building on May 2, blocked off the Afghan army's barracks and trained tank cacon on the city from the surrounding hills during the three-day session attended by Moscow's Ambassador.

Magistrate is shot dead in Sri Lanka

Colombo - The acting magistrate of Trincomalee in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province, Mr S. Ranganathan, was killed by unknown assailants on Friday when he was returning there from Kantalai (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Mr Ranganathan, aged 62, a Tamil, was dragged from a vehicle and shot.

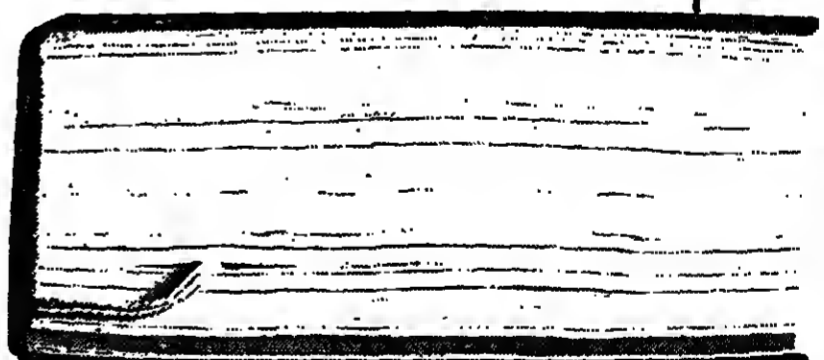
Meanwhile, Dr Paul Back and Mr Derek Knight, the two British experts, who investigated the breach of the Kantalai Dam in late April which killed 68 people and made thousands homeless, have ruled out sabotage.

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The fight against terrorism

Ex-intelligence chief accuses Italy of protecting Gadaffi

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Italian governments have protected Colonel Gadaffi against his enemies and provided him with arms...

The reliability of the general is undermined by the fact that his name was found among those in the lists of the banned Masonic lodge "Propaganda 2"...

projected landing of enemy Libyan forces. Gadaffi's troops were waiting for the conspirators and all of them were taken.

Madrid protests to Libya on envoys

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The Spanish Ambassador in Tripoli has been instructed to present a note to the Libyan Government protesting that Libyan diplomats have been involved with extremists in Spain...

10 suspected members of the gang had been arrested. Police said a Portuguese and a Spaniard were the first to be arrested as they were allegedly about to place a bomb at the Bank of America office in Madrid on May 2.

Peres sees sanctions as answer

Jerusalem - Israel will do all that is necessary to put a stop to Syria's involvement in international terrorism...

The number of people killed in the unrest that has raged unabated in black areas since September 1984 reached 1,559 (almost all of them blacks) at the end of last month...



A policeman and soldier searching a pedestrian in Alexandria during the security operation to curb unrest in the township.

Seven more die in black townships

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

At least seven people died over the weekend in continuing unrest in South Africa's black townships, as large numbers of troops and police sealed off the Alexandra ghetto...

Alfred, in the Eastern Cape, shot and killed one of a group of men who allegedly invaded his home and stabbed him three times.

Johannesburg, when a mob of youths allegedly stoned their vehicle. Early on Saturday, 1,600 police and soldiers in troop carriers moved into Alexandra...

Soldiers also distributed pamphlets appealing for information about political activists. "Are you tired of being harassed? Police need information on those preventing you from going to work, preventing your children from going to school..."

Call for full rights

Vienna - The Nobel Peace Prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu, arriving in Austria to address conferences on apartheid and press freedom in South Africa...

Their former black residents were moved elsewhere, many to Soweto. Alexandra was threatened with a similar fate for years, but was relieved.

Serious riots broke out there last February, and the place has simmered ever since. A police spokesman said at the weekend that the operation in Alexandra, which was aimed at stamping out "lawlessness", would continue until further notice.

The life of a police informer has become much more hazardous over the past year, during which many blacks suspected of being police agents have been killed by the gruesome method known as the "necklace" - a petrol-filled tyre placed round the victim's neck and set alight.

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Madrid march against US base

Madrid (Reuters) - Thousands of demonstrators marched to an air base used by American forces near here to call for Spain's withdrawal from Nato and an end to the US military presence in the country.

The march cut the only road between the city and Madrid's Barajas airport and disrupted flights. About 12,000 US troops are stationed at the Torrejon base, two other air bases and a naval station in Spain.

Record trek

Resolute Bay, Canada (AFP) - Dr Jean-Louis Etienne, aged 39, a Frenchman from Toulouse, yesterday became the first person to reach the North Pole alone on foot and without a dog sledge, after a 63-day trek across the ice.

Acas called

Gibraltar - Acas, the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, was called in yesterday in an attempt to break the deadlock between Gibraltar's shipyard, Gibraltar, and the dock workers' union.

Ships collide

Tokyo (AP) - A South Korean container ship sank after colliding with a Japanese ore carrier in fog off southwestern Japan, but all 18 Korean crewmen were rescued.

Town found

Moscow (Reuters) - Soviet archaeologists have found a previously unknown ancient Russian town called Medved (Bear), Tass reported. The town, in the Kalinin region north of here, was built by a Finno-Ugric tribe called the Merya in the 11th century but was never mentioned in chronicles.

Skipper held

Ajaccio (AFP) - The owner and skipper of a pleasure boat which hit rocks and sank off southern Corsica on Friday, killing eight French pensioners and seriously injuring seven other people, has been charged with manslaughter, legal sources here said.

Back to sea

San Francisco (Reuters) - The Second World War US battleship Missouri, on which Japanese officers surrendered in 1945, returned to service after a \$475 million refit. It has been armed with missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

Dry rations

Lagos (AFP) - Villagers in Nigeria's southern state of Benue recently rounded up and whipped 27 rainmakers whom they blamed for the region's lack of rainfall.

Thai King heals an old wound

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

King Bhumibol of Thailand paid tribute yesterday to a man who was accused almost 40 years ago of complicity in the murder of the ruling monarch, King Ananda, the present King's elder brother.

Berlin aide leaves for the West

East Berlin (Reuters) - A former top adviser to Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, emigrated to the West yesterday after years of disillusionment over the country's economic and political system.

After 600 years of friendship

Soares seeks still closer ties

From Richard Wigg and Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

President Soares of Portugal arrived in London yesterday with his Prime Minister, Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva, to attend ceremonies commemorating the 600-year-old alliance between his country and Britain.

Soares steered Portugal's negotiations with the EEC to a successful conclusion last year with entry on January 1.



President Soares: Will celebrate with the Queen. civil war" in all southern Africa so long as Pretoria fails to reform the apartheid system.

He believes that joining the EEC means that Portugal must intensify bilateral ties with Britain, not slacken them.

Dr Soares, the former Socialist Prime Minister, will be celebrating today with the Queen at Windsor the 600th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Windsor, the cornerstone of the relationship between Britain and its "oldest ally".

He applied to leave in August, 1985, after many clashes with colleagues.

He leaves his wife and two sons behind in East Germany.

He is making his first official visit abroad since becoming President nine weeks ago.

Recalling the Queen's visit to Lisbon and Oporto last year, Dr Soares said: "The links of affection are still as alive as ever they were between Portugal and England."

London will be witnessing an early example of Portugal's own experiment in political "cohabitation", with President Soares and Senhor Cavaco Silva, political rivals in the past, at the ceremonies.

His country had kept a privileged relationship with Britain even though after the Second World War Portugal

had developed special relations with the US.

Dr Soares saw his role as Portugal's first civilian President for 60 years as ensuring that Portugal enjoys the stability needed for economic development during his five-year term.

Election threat in Portugal

The Portuguese Prime Minister, Senhor Cavaco Silva, has threatened to call new elections if he fails to get his proposed legislation on labour, agrarian reform, internal security and state news media through Parliament (Martha de la Cal writes).

His minority Social Democratic Government is based on a mere 29 per cent of the vote, and has seen much of its legislation rejected or altered by the opposition parties - the Socialist, the Democratic Renewal Party and the Communists.

President Soares quickly decided that he would, unlike his predecessor General Eanes, only work out of the Belem presidential palace, keeping his home near Lisbon University.

There will, I think, be a convergence of interests between Britain and Portugal inside the Common Market," he said. As Prime Minister Dr

But President Soares, who as Foreign Minister played a key role in the decolonization process after the 1974 revolution, spoke of "an extremely worrying situation of latest

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Sheikh Hasina calls strike in protest against poll 'robbery'

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Only 21 of the violently troubled constituencies where polling was suspended on election day last week will have new polls, the Bangladesh Election Commission announced, in a statement that is bringing no pleasure to the opposition Awami League.

The leader of the League, Sheikh Hasina Wazed, is demanding new polls in an increasing number of constituencies, as more results are declared, and as defeated Awami leaders return to Dhaka.

She began by saying that "at least 50" new elections would be necessary. At the weekend she raised the figure to 100, and now she is demanding new voting in 150 constituencies, and proposes to drive her demand home with a general strike on Wednesday.

This will be the first time that anyone can remember a general strike during Ramadan, the holy month of fasting.

Sheikh Hasina, the daughter of the assassinated father of the Bangladesh nation, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, held her first mass protest meeting against the turbulent election.

Sumo giants stun Princess

From David Watts Tokyo

The Princess of Wales was granted her wish to see traditional Japanese sumo wrestling yesterday.

But when she came face to face with two of the mountainous men after their contest she blushed at the sight of their 30.8 and 36.7 stone frames.

They had covered their brief pants, but it was some minutes before the Princess could ask questions of Onokuni, a high-ranking wrestler who had just won his bout before a crowd of 10,000, while the royal couple watched from the box used by the Japanese imperial family.

She told Onokuni and Konishiki, the American Samoan-born wrestler who is one of two foreigners at the top in sumo, that the wrestling had "made the trip" for her and the Prince of Wales.

The two grapplers were equally impressed with the Princess. "She's beautiful," Konishiki said. "But if she were my wife I'd want her to put on some more weight."

He said that at first he was more nervous than before a bout: "I thought I'd be holding back, but it was okay."

Outside the stadium thousands were waiting to see the couple, the first chance ordinary people had had to see the "superstar Princess", as the Japanese media have been calling her.

More than 100,000 lined the route of their motorcade through the city at lunchtime. In scenes of near hysteria, young women and schoolgirls were screaming and squealing with delight as she came into sight. They ran through the lines of surprised police, who abandoned the attempt to stop them from trying to run alongside the fast-moving open car in which she rode with the Prince.

She looked relaxed much of yesterday, but there were still signs of the tiredness which has plagued her since she arrived in Japan.

The royal Sunday began with Prince Charles reading the lesson at St Alban's church. Prayers were said for



The Princess of Wales face to face with Konishiki after her bout at Ryogoku sumo stadium in Tokyo yesterday.

her store walkabout with the Prince. Occasionally they stopped to admire the British products. Asked if he would like to buy something, Prince Charles joked that he could not, because English law forbade Sunday shopping.

Japan's best-known children's choir gave exquisite renditions of "God bless the Prince of Wales", "Green grow the rushes-o" and a Japanese lullaby.

US-backed Contras lure rival's top aides

From Martha Honey San José

Six of the seven field commanders in Señor Edén Pastora's anti-Sandinista Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (Arde) have defected to a rival Contra organization.

Contra sources said the move was made official at a signing ceremony on Friday attended by Señor Pastora's commanders and Señor Fernando "El Negro" Chamorro, chief of a small group aligned with the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), the largest, US-backed, Contra group, based in Honduras.

As a result, most of Señor Pastora's estimated 3,000 guerrillas are expected to accept Señor Chamorro as their commander, thereby opening a new FDN front in southern Nicaragua.

The agreement came after secret talks between the commanders and FDN and CIA representatives.

Ironically, the signing ceremony, in a house in a San José suburb, came on the first day in office of Costa Rica's new President, Dr Oscar Arias, who has vowed to stop Contras from operating here.

Señor Karol Prado, a spokesman for Señor Pastora, said the rebel leader was inside Nicaragua with about 300 loyal troops. He said Señor Pastora understood that his commanders were lured into the new alliance with promises of sufficient supplies, but he condemned "the manipulations of the CIA" which led to the desertions.

Señor Pastora has been at odds with the US, and has not received supplies from it because of his refusal to unite with the FDN. US aid was stopped two years ago after an assassination attempt against Señor Pastora which, evidence indicates, was engineered by the CIA and the FDN.

FBI suspected of protecting Teamster boss

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Jackie Presser, head of the scandal-ridden Teamsters Union, may be indicted soon on corruption charges. The case raises broader questions about a possible attempt by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to protect him from prosecution.

The investigation of Mr Presser was reopened earlier this year, after it had mysteriously been dropped by the FBI last year.

The FBI had spent 32 months in exhaustive probing of his alleged links with organized crime, and allegations that he employed people who never did any work for the unions.

Mr Presser's alleged crimes may have been approved by one arm of the FBI, as part of a broader investigation into organized crime, without the knowledge of other sections of the FBI, which were focusing on the Teamsters.

Justice Department officials said the case was reopened because FBI agents might have committed perjury to protect Mr Presser. Law enforcement officials have described him as a valuable informer about organized crime.

A federal grand jury in Cleveland could act against Mr Presser as early as this week, according to Justice Department officials. Another grand jury in Washington has been trying to determine whether FBI agents lied about their dealings with Mr Presser.

Senate investigators released a report on Friday alleging that the FBI had hampered FBI investigators studying allegations that Mr Presser had authorized payments of more than \$700,000 (£460,000) to union employees who did no work.

The Senate government affairs investigations subcommittee said the FBI may have repeatedly misled other government investigators about their alleged use of Mr Presser as an informer.

Louisiana jury clears Fast Eddy's name

New Orleans (AFP) - Edwin Edwards, three-time Governor of Louisiana and one of the most influential and colourful characters on the state political scene for the past 30 years, walked out of court a free man this weekend.

Fast Eddy, as he is familiarly known, was acquitted on all the charges against him, ranging from fraud to racketeering and obstructing the course of justice.

The jury took 12 hours to reach its verdict, acquitting Mr Edwards, his brother Marion and three associates, of using his influence to get building contracts granted for hospitals and private clinics in which they had an interest.

Mr Edwards was accused of pocketing \$2 million (£1.3 million).

Saturday's verdict came at the end of a second trial lasting four weeks. The first trial, which lasted three months, ended last December with the jury inclined towards acquittal but unable to reach a majority verdict after a week of deliberations.

One juror said on Saturday that the prosecution did not present enough concrete evidence.

After the verdict, Mr Edwards, who is a Democrat, accused Mr John Volz, the prosecutor and a Republican appointee, of having turned the trial into a political platform to harass the state's Democratic Government.

Governor from 1971 to 1979 and re-elected for a third term in 1983, the Cajun King, as he is also known, has said that the only thing which could be found in bed with a dead girl or a live boy. A poker player and wannabe, his supporters consider him the best comic against boredom.

Mr Edwards is the most popular politician in Louisiana since Huey Long, who was assassinated in 1935 as he was preparing to contest the presidency against Franklin D. Roosevelt. He seems to enjoy the total indulgence of his electorate, even over alleged gambling debts of \$2 million run up at the casinos in Nevada, on which the two trials hinged.

Curfew in Karachi after clash

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

An indefinite curfew was imposed on Karachi, an important Karachi township, at midnight on Saturday, after two days of clashes between residents and police.

The same township had been under curfew for a week last month.

The situation had been tense for several few days, since Mr Afaq Ahmad Shahid, a member of Pakistan's National Assembly, went on indefinite hunger strike against the Government's failure to arrange repatriation in Pakistan of Biharis stranded in Bangladesh.

Bhutto's arrest warning

From Our Correspondent Islamabad

Miss Benazir Bhutto, the daughter of the executed Prime Minister, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and leader of the opposition Pakistan People's Party, said yesterday that if the Government arrested her it would be another establishment blunder.

Miss Bhutto, aged 32, completed at the weekend a month-long whirlwind tour across the country, campaigning for the removal of President Zia and fresh elections.

She returned to Pakistan on April 10 after more than two years' self-exile spent in Europe.

Waldheim 'unaware of deportations report'

Vienna (AP) - An aide to Dr Kurt Waldheim said yesterday that the former UN Secretary-General was unaware of any documents linking him to Nazi deportations of Italians from Greece, as reported by a British newspaper.

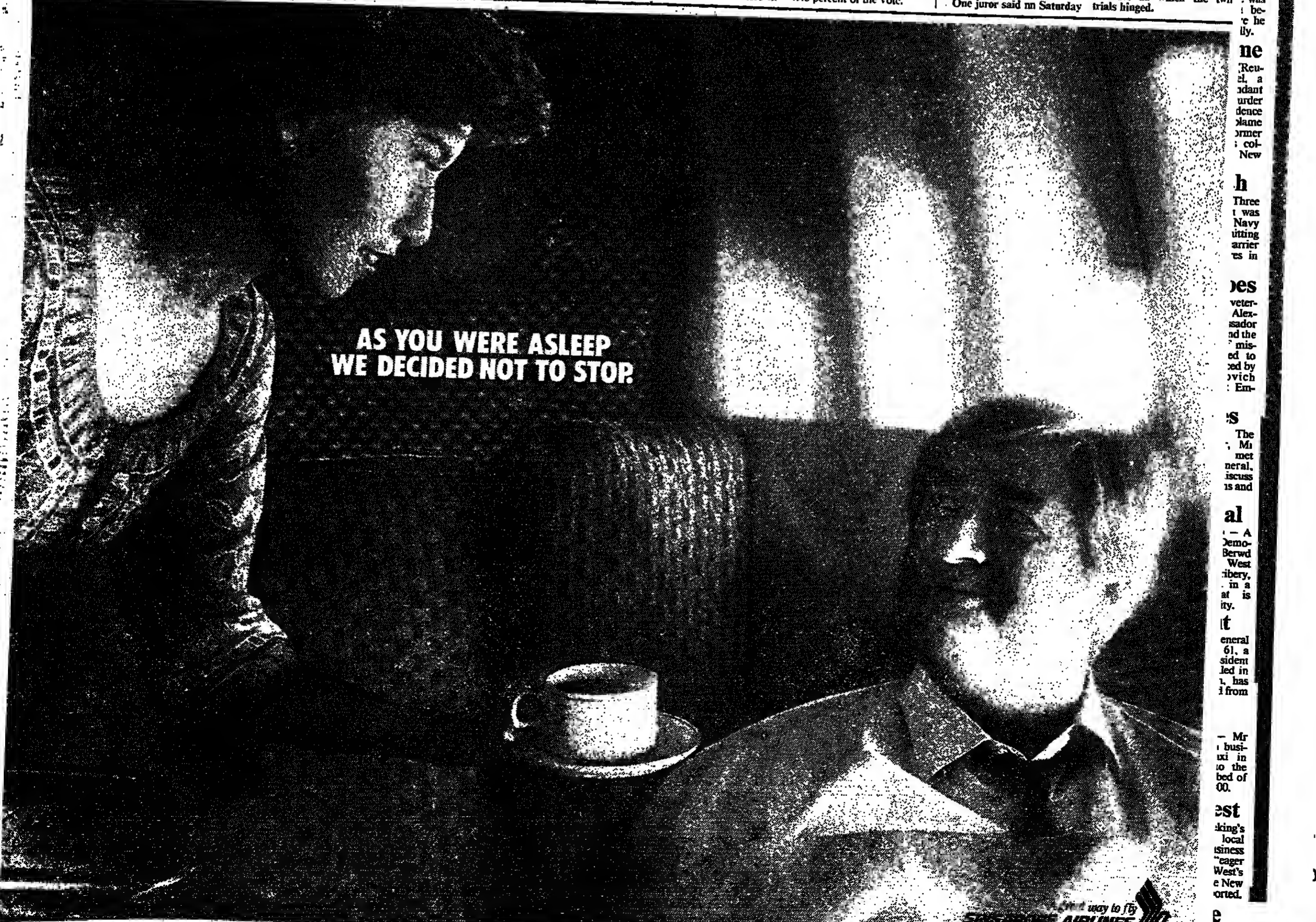
The Sunday Times said a document apparently initiated by Dr Waldheim recorded his telephoned report to the German high command in Salonika, after Italy's surrender in 1943, that more than 23,000 Italian troops were being loaded aboard trains for deportation. It said the document was discovered among

German Army records in the US National Archives.

"The quoted document is not known... and that is why we cannot respond to details at present," Herr Ferdinand Trautmannsdorfer said.

TEL AVIV: President Herzog said yesterday that Israel should not interfere in

the Austrian presidential elections (AP reports). His note of caution followed bitter criticism by Israel's Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, and Mr Moshe Arens, the acting Foreign Minister, after the first round of the elections, in which Dr Waldheim captured 49.6 percent of the vote.

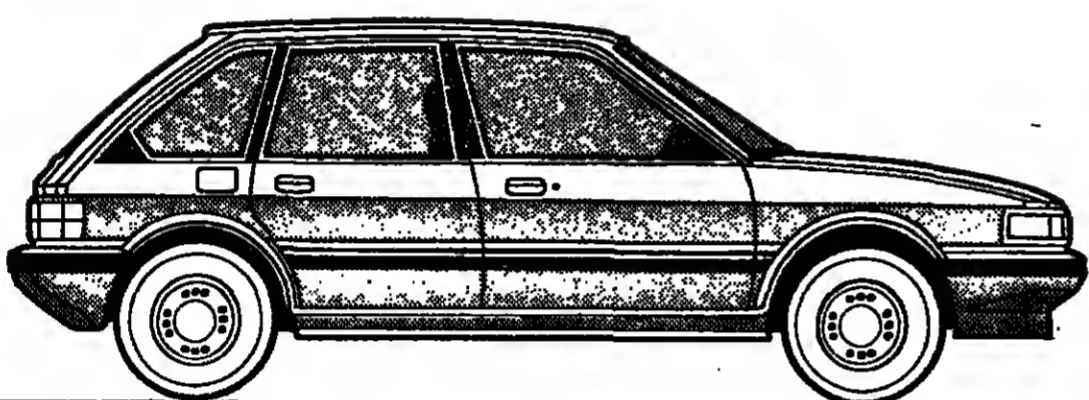


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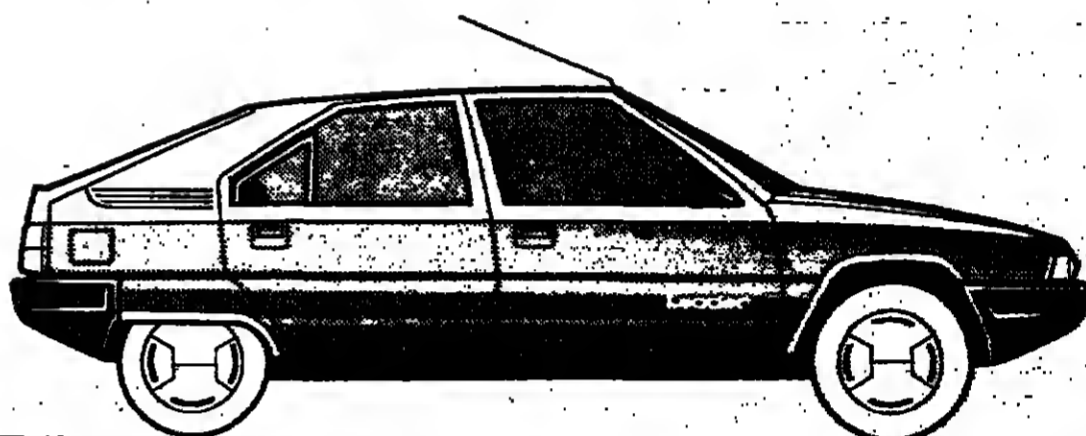
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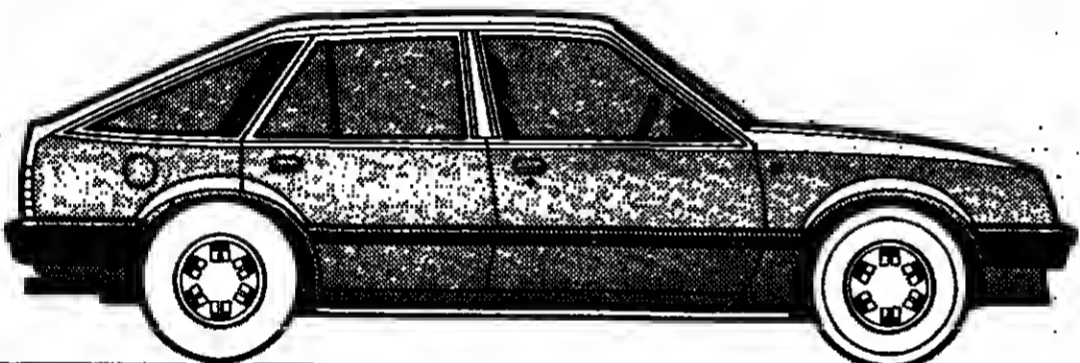
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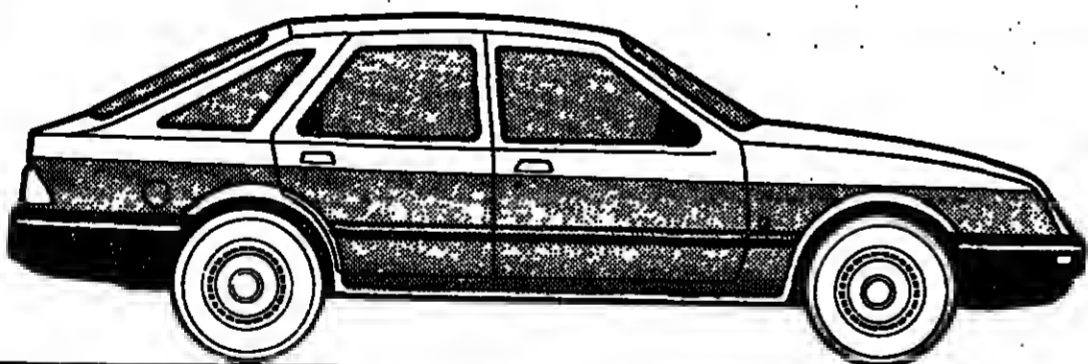
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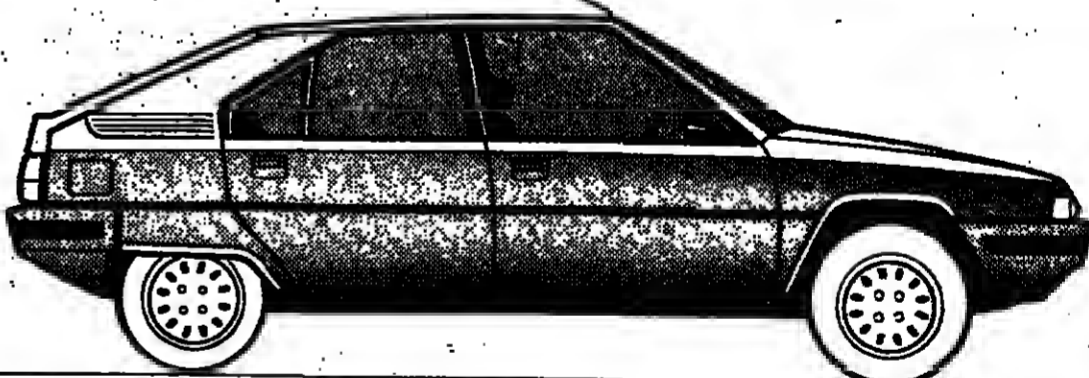
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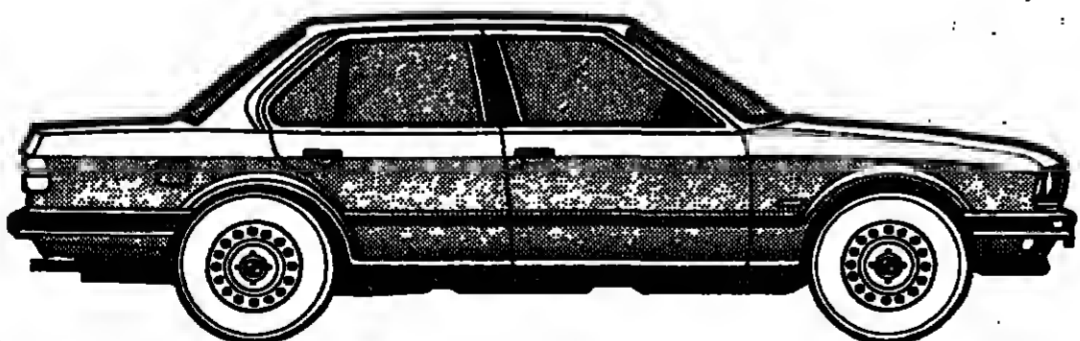
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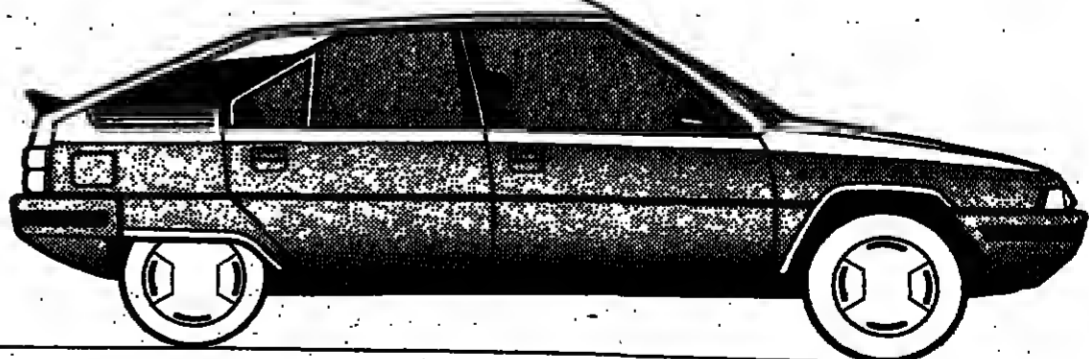
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United Nations agrees reluctantly to cut budget deficit by half

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The United Nations, in the throes of its worst financial crisis, has taken the radical step of attempting to ease the pressure this year by authorizing cutbacks in a series of projects and programmes. But it has failed to confront the long-term threat to its financial stability.

Falklands on UN chief's UK agenda

From Our Correspondent, New York

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, is in Wales today on the first leg of his four-day official visit to Britain, which will be highlighted by an audience with the Queen later in the week and meetings with Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

in the US assessed contribution, will recur next year. The two-week session proved to be a test of wills between the Secretary-General and the Western industrialized countries, which supported his package, and the Third World, which controls the way the UN spends its money.

Critics of shuttle 'punished'

Washington (AP) - Two rocket company employees who tried to stop the launch of the space shuttle Challenger have told a presidential commission that they have been punished for disclosing their efforts.

The panel's chairman said the treatment of Allen McDonald and Roger Boisjoly, both Morton Thiokol engineers, was shocking. The commission released a transcript of a closed hearing which shows there were objections to the design of the shuttle booster rockets as far back as 1971 - 10 years before the first flight - and that the commission is concerned that pressure to resume flying could repeat some of those problems.

Philippines still under shadow of Marcos

From Keith Dalton Manila

From his seaside villa in Hawaii, ex-President Ferdinand Marcos still casts a long shadow over the political workings of the 11-week-old Government of Mrs Corason Aquino.

Pressures on Aquino Part 1

But for most Filipinos Mr Marcos is a great force, whose legacy - a shattered dictatorship and a devastated economy - plagues the reformist Aquino Government's every move.

But every step has been met with resistance and complaints, for hers is a fragile political mishmash of conflicting parties and personalities, pushed unexpectedly into power by a 77-hour, civilian-backed military revolt that overthrew one of Asia's longest-serving strongmen.



President Corason Aquino ponders a knotty problem during a Cabinet meeting.

But she has used her powers sparingly. Only one political opponent has been arrested on pre-election charges, and most decisions are taken after full consultation with her Cabinet.

Board to investigate officers' graft

From Keith Dalton Manila

An anti-graft board was established in the Philippines yesterday to investigate allegations of widespread corruption against senior officers in the armed forces.

The more common complaint is that her consensus-style Government is too slow. The replacement of provincial governors and mayors, whose six-year terms expired in March, has become a political minefield of intrigue, with familial and political powerbrokers scrambling to fill vacant posts at the expense of much-needed government unity.

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The quick sequestration of properties, houses and buildings of Marcos cronies, and the witch hunt to recover the former President's overseas fortune, have resulted in accusations of vindictiveness.

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Court of Appeal

Tenant's improvements are relevant

Brett v Brett Essex Golf Club Ltd

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Sir John Megaw [Judgment given May 7] In determining whether a revised rent payable under a rent review clause of a lease entered into in 1978, improvements voluntarily carried out by the tenant under a previous lease which the 1978 lease was to be disregarded.

Court of Appeal

Landlord not entitled to possession

Cerex Jewels Ltd v Peachey Property Corporation plc

Before Lord Justice Slade and Mr Justice Caulfield [Judgment given May 1] Where the lease reserved to the landlord certain powers of entry and where the premises offered all further necessary facilities for works of reconstruction, then the landlord was not entitled to possession of the premises.

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Court of Appeal

No injustice in private visit

Regina v Chief Constable of South Wales, Ex parte Thornhill

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann [Judgment given May 9] The decision of a chief constable of police following a disciplinary hearing that a police sergeant was guilty of disciplinary offences and should be dismissed from the force, was not to be quashed on the ground that having adjourned the proceedings to consider his findings, the chief constable had in private attendance upon him the deputy chief constable who was the officer responsible for the investigation and prosecution of the disciplinary offences.

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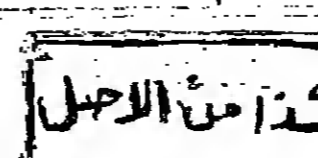
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Is cash redistribution helping our health service? Nicholas Timmins begins a three-part series with a look at London

Emergency case for the capital



London's hospitals are in crisis. Early this year two of the big teaching hospitals, University College Hospital and the Middlesex, closed to all but emergency cases for a month over Christmas.

capital and the home counties, are losing. The London hospitals are in turn also losing money to the less well-served parts of the south east.

In addition the teaching hospitals have already had to face University Grants Committee reductions which have removed the basis of lecturers who do much NHS service work besides teaching and research.

The Government is aware of the growing inequality

The changes go back to 1976. Before that health service money was doled out on a basis that can be broadly characterized as "to those that have, more shall be given".

At St Thomas's, where £2.5 million has to be saved this year, cuts are being considered that would remove several hundred specialized cases from the hospital's workload, cutting back on heart and plastic surgery operations.



Preventive measures: as waiting lists rise, beds all over London are kept empty to save money

London can no longer be allowed to stand still while the rest of the NHS gets money to catch up

has been used ever since to try and redistribute cash more fairly. The RAWP formula was, however, conceived in an age of growth.

made for the rising numbers of elderly. There is also a need for an extra 0.5 per cent of services a year to keep up with technological advances.

districts are meant to be providing. The scale of the change required is awesome. That London had (and still has) fat to cut compared with the rest of the NHS is not in question.

patients a year were travelling 30 miles and more into London for routine operations because of lack of beds in their own areas. The change that has already been achieved is impressive.

But the signs of strain are becoming apparent. Waiting lists in Greater London grew by over 3,000 in the year to last September while elsewhere, in general, they fell as hospitals outside the capital also increased their efficiency.

The scale of the required changes will be awesome

several days last winter at a time when the weather was not bad and there were no obvious epidemics. London's Emergency Bed Service is finding it tougher to get hospitals to accept emergencies.

A key reason may well be that acute hospital services are going out of London faster than they are being replaced elsewhere in the Home Counties. In addition careful planning is being disrupted by the same mid-year, short-term crises that have faced all health authorities in recent years.

Coming on top of budgets that are already being reduced, the impact can be dire. Bloomsbury, for example, had to close services at the National Temperance and St Pancras Hospitals, the accident and emergency department at the Middlesex, and 97 beds at University College Hospital.

Alasdair Liddell, Bloomsbury's general manager, says: "We see no evidence that the pressure on us is

slackening. Our suspicion is that our waiting-lists are growing longer and the queues out in Essex are not getting any shorter.

In addition there is a growing belief among some of London's general managers that the money which is going out of London to the Home Counties is being spent faster on priority services for the mentally ill and handicapped and the elderly than on providing acute services to replace those lost in London.

If the feeling growing in London is that the pace of change is becoming too quick, there is still much change to come. On current plans the district containing St Thomas's calculates that it has to lose another 300 beds and cut £18 million from its spending on acute services of £48 million over the next 10 years.

On Bloomsbury Health Authority's reading of the present plans, a district that since 1982 has cut its spending by £7.6 million, its beds by 330 (almost 20 per cent) and its staff by 1,500 while keeping up the number of patients treated, faces a further reduction by 1993 of another 270 beds and a reduction of a minimum of £22 million on spending on hospital services of about £85 million.

Alasdair Liddell says: "I am not sure it is possible to cope with that kind of change at that pace without the wholesale destruction of important services."

But if the signs are that London is finding it increasingly difficult to cope, is the health service outside the capital benefiting?

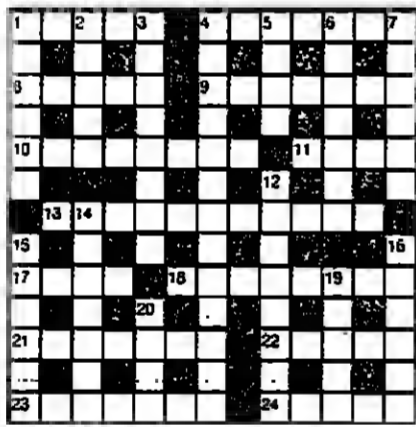
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A quiet night in Praga

In an unprecedented glimpse of the law in action behind the Iron Curtain, Roger Boyes joins the Polish police on night patrol on the streets of Warsaw



Night shift: reporter Roger Boyes with the police patrol van

The undressed buildings of Praga, pale and pockmarked by war, house the highest concentration of criminals in Warsaw. It is not Brixton or the Bronx, but it is tough.

Wednesday should be a quiet night. It is not pay day or a popular saint's day - Jozef, say, when everybody of that name gives a party - it is simply the middle of the week.

The criminal epicentre of Praga is the Bazaar Rozyczki, an open-air market in which, like a crooked Harrods, one can buy anything. For goods find their fencible here, foreign currencies find their custom ers, tarts find their pimps. The ripples spread outwards, engulfing two suburban railway stations that carry thousands of villagers in and out of Warsaw every day - easy picking, most of them, after a couple of drinks.

has anybody got a light bulb? 7.45pm. Darwin Street number 7. An illegal alcohol still, a melina. We have been given a list of three melinas to raid. The block is relatively modern, early Tower Hamlets, and the lift works. The sister of the distiller lets the police in. A baby cries from the kitchen-cum-living-room. There is a bucket of potatoes in the hall.

The dodger, who is also on the list of illegal distillers, is out. His mother is coldly polite. "He works now. In Brodno hospital." He's calmed down a bit now, then, has he? "Yes, yes." "Because we've been calling regularly, I suppose?" "No, I wouldn't say that." The woman wants us out.

By 10pm we have checked out another absentee vodka distiller and a doorbell pest - "I'm looking for my girlfriend, aren't I? What do you mean she doesn't live here?" - and stopped a brawl at the Filipinka Cafe. It's all harmless enough. The restaurants and bars close early. Some workshops close before dusk to avoid the risk of the owner walking home in the dark with the day's takings. Routine fills

the dead hours: checking shops, especially a big food supermarket where alcohol is stocked. Sgt O: "After midnight you've got to reckon that 90 per cent of the people on the streets here are up to oo good." A few hours in the back of a police van and one becomes more suspicious than the policeman. Who is that woman walking a dog? Why are those men hanging around? Three kids laughing, check them, says my instinct. The policeman drive past. "It's a question of experience. Most people with nothing to fear move slowly."

At 12.50pm, by a bus shelter, it looks as if we may have found our first corpse. Face down, very cold. Sgt O feels the pulse. It's -5C outside, though deep into spring. He is alive but dead drunk. Ambulancemen arrive in 20 minutes. A chain-smoking woman doctor decides that "he's sleeping too deeply" and takes him to hospital.

At 2 am a woman turtis up in Cyril and Methodius Street. No shoes, no identity documents, drunk. She says she has just been raped in one of the dark, empty entrance ways. The man was the son of her friend. Sgt J snatches the cigarette from her mouth and lets her into the van.

Stalowa Street 13. Wooden floorboards, a smell, inexplicably, of caged animals, a shrine to the Virgin Mary, lit by a single light bulb. We bang on the door. Sgt J taps on the back window. After 15 minutes and a threat to batter the door down, the mother emerges. Inside it is dark, no electricity, no meter even, but the light of the shrine shows us something of the dirt.

The man, who is 30, denies everything until the police find the assaulted woman's shoes and her passport. He is allowed to put on a coat, is hauled off. His story: "I was taking her to a bus stop, had to drag her because she was so drunk. Then we got to a gateway and made love. She wanted to. Then I noticed that her shoes and bag were missing and went to search for them, and when I brought them back she was gone..." The police doctor confirms the woman had sex, but finds no signs of violence. The man is put in a cell, complaining.

The night dribbles away. Sgt J checks through his notes, preparing his final report. Abrasive checks on vodka outlets, drunken drivers, a medical case, more drunks, no break-ins, a brawl, a suspected rape - a quiet night in Praga.

Who'll pay the nuclear price?

Fifteen years ago Alvin Weinberg, one of the architects of atomic power, spoke of the "Faustian bargain" his fellow nuclear scientists had made with society. On the one hand, he said, they offered "an inexhaustible source of energy" which, when properly handled, is almost non-polluting. On the other: "The price we demand from society for this magical energy source is both vigilance and a longevity of our social institutions that we are quite unaccustomed to."

Sharp contrasts in safety regulations

gave the organization the power to take initiatives, such delays are inevitable. The IAEA's brief also includes curbing the proliferation of nuclear weapons via commercial applications of atomic energy. The object is to check that weapons-grade plutonium is not being produced clandestinely, and that enriched uranium is not being diverted to military use. The IAEA's calculations are based on an inventory of the nuclear material going into a reactor with a record of the time when it came out and the conditions under which the plant was operated through the intervening period.

International control is clearly needed

conduct and 55 safety guides. But they were completed only last year, and as far as the major nuclear powers were concerned they merely supplemented the procedures already in place. Sharp contrasts exist between countries in the application of safety regulations. US industry has to meet absolute standards. In the UK, the process is closer to negotiation: safety inspectors respond to evidence submitted by the electricity generating boards, requesting additional information until they are satisfied.

The national organizations have the teeth of law. The IAEA is a paper tiger. Yet the Chernobyl disaster revealed a need for a degree of supranational intervention. The IAEA does have some global overview of nuclear power. A computer data base at the Vienna headquarters contains descriptions and histories of all the commercial reactors in the world with no declared military component. Three years ago, the IAEA

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Madrid march against S bases

Amazons in the career jungle

Women who make it to the top are still a rarity in Britain, but five who have talk to Andrew Duncan about their rewards — and regrets — in the first of a two-part series

Who are Britain's most successful women? Two are immediately obvious — the Queen and Mrs Thatcher — and a few are ubiquitous presence on government committees and upper-market chat shows. A book on successful American and British women, published this week, *The Business Amazons*, illustrates 100 cases of women who got to the top.

their upwardly mobile male colleagues — "power" lunches, large offices, formidable desks, male secretaries — but in a year when American women for the first time hold more professional jobs than men it is unusual to find British women who have yet achieved real influence or success in their various fields.

ENTREPRENEUR

Name: Steve Shirley
Age: 52
Job: Founder and managing director of F International Computer Software Group
Salary: £75,000

"A sense of humour has got me through all sorts of situations where others might have pulled out a handkerchief and wept. People are still sometimes surprised that I'm a woman and, because F International is an immense success story, some are scared of me."

their capabilities demand. As a boss I am difficult, demanding, irrational and impossible. I look on myself as a gardener — I grow people, and encourage their skills, confidence and ability to cope. I try to be a role model to younger women, although I've only done this for the past couple of years because it takes energy from the business. I tell students, "If you want to be a millionaire you can do it — but you have to commit yourself."



Sade: 'Luckily, I haven't had to use my sexuality and femininity to succeed'

LAWYER

Name: Ann Carnow
Age: 50
Job: QC
Salary: "I doubt that it is possible for a silk in my field to top the six figure mark."

prejudice as part of life, and I'm certain it would have been counter-productive to behave in the strident fashion of women's libbers.

month, exhausted, she curtailed a concert in Frankfurt, amid lurid rumours about her private life.

POP STAR

Name: Sade
Age: 26
Job: Singer
Salary: "I haven't a clue. I'm not counting and I know I don't have to worry."

making money. If the band weren't my friends, I would have said 'That's it' and given up. It's too much to have to cope with the entire change in the way you are viewed by acquaintances. You feel constantly under scrutiny — it's like having a birthmark. Then there are the physical pressures of touring, and personal problems — my father died last year, and Stuart's (Matthewman, co-songwriter) mother has just died.

That is the good news. Now for the bad. The decline of the old-style men's magazine has spawned a batch of new-style glossies for gentlemen, and I am not sure that the change has been for the better.

ACADEMIC

Name: Mary Warnock
Age: 62
Job: Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge
Salary: Around £25,000

which is perfectly true, and I think she resents me for it. She was pretty difficult to live with when she was 18, and I still don't know her very well.

so when Freddie was born, I reckoned I'd have to earn some serious money.

SPORTSWOMAN

Name: Luchinda Green
Age: 32
Job: Eventing
Salary: £20,000, from directorships.

landless: workshops and small industries, nets for fisherfolk, materials for craftsmen, education for children and adults, health centres to prevent curable sickness.

Where have all the slobs gone?

Only a few Bunnies' cars will droop at the news that the circulation of *Playboy* magazine has dropped from 7.2 million in 1972 to a current 4.2 million.



PENNY PERRICK

Here it comes again, from a reader of *GQ* (*Gentlemen's Quarterly*) this time: "Do I wear my bow-tie in front or behind a wing-tip collar? Can I wear tan shoes with a navy suit? How can I stop my silk pocket square sliding down? Should I fasten the last button on a three-piece suit?"

There is a dreadful escapism in all this. To worry about whether your handkerchief is going to stay put is a fairly extraordinary anxiety to cling to in the face of nuclear disasters and international terrorism. Is style about to become a refuge for men whose lives are more than they can cope with? Will they retreat to the bedroom for a spot of tie-practice, just as their fathers slunk off to the pub when their wives were in a foul temper or the lawn mower needed fixing?

I could accept this sudden burgeoning of interest in fashion if it had not become so obsessive. But men are incapable of acquiring a mild interest in anything. Look what happens when they take up cooking: exquisite dishes all calling for bain-maries and salamanders until you would give your soul for a plate of timed tomato soup.

The outcome is easy to foresee. When every man on earth has learnt how to tie his tie, button his suit and display his handkerchief to the nth degree of perfection, every woman on earth will feel a twinge of longing for that extinct breed whose lapels were sprinkled with cigarette ash, whose socks collapsed around their ankles and who made uncouth noises of appreciation as they read *Playboy*.

Change things for good.



The obscene sequence of famine, starvation and death must not happen again. The poor, who inherited their poverty, were powerless to prevent it. Christian Aid believes that the way to break that sequence is for us in the West and the poor in the Third World to work together to put into the hands of the poor and powerless the means to support themselves.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 11: By command of The Queen, the Viscountess Long (Lady-in-Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of the President of the Republic of Portugal and his wife...

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 10: The Duchess of Kent was present at the Final of the Football Association's Challenge Cup Competition at Wembley Stadium this afternoon...

Forthcoming marriages

- Dr G.N. Fuller and Miss C. Simpson
The engagement is announced between Geraint, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Fuller, of Barnes, London, and Cerith, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Simpson, of Craigilly, Ballymena, Northern Ireland.

Clifford Longley
Beginnings of British Islam

Muslim votes may have been lost by the Conservatives as a result of the American raid on Libya from British bases. By all accounts Muslims are united in deploring the incident...

Marriages

Mr N.T. Carter and Miss A.C. Glidewell
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's, Westminster, of Mr Charles William Smyth-Osbourne, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs T. Smyth-Osbourne...

OBITUARY
PROF. R. M. JACKSON

Professor Richard Meredith Jackson, F.R.A., a respected legal academic who served on various law committees, died on May 8. He was 82.

MR BORIS JOBLING

Mr Boris Jobling, the medical entomologist whose knowledge of anatomy and histology, combined with an exceptional artistic talent, resulted in many accurate and beautiful drawings, died on April 26. He was 93.

Birthdays today

- Mr Burt Bacharach, 57, Sir Lennox Berkeley, 83, Mr Leslie Charteris, 79, Mr M. A. Coates, 62, Mr P. N. G. Gilbert, 52, Miss Susan Humphreys, 44, Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, O.M., 76, Mr H. V. Hodson, 80, Mr Wilfrid Hyde White, 83, Lord Kallor, 78, the Earl of Kimberley, 62, Sir Hector Laing, 63, the Right Rev. H. V. Montefiore, 66, Baroness Forbes, 65, Rear-Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery, 84, Dr Miriam Stoppard, 49, Sir Charles Trinder, 80, Sir Edward Tuckwell, 76, Sir Paul Wright, 71.

Parliament this week

- Debate: Today (2.30): Debate on infrastructure investment in the north. Motion for the spring adjournment. Tomorrow (2.30): Debate on civil liberties. Wednesday (2.30): Wages Bill. Thursday (2.30): Wages Bill, completion of report. Friday (2.30): Private Members' business. Today (2.30): Debate on infrastructure investment in the north. Motion for the spring adjournment. Tomorrow (2.30): Debate on civil liberties. Wednesday (2.30): Wages Bill. Thursday (2.30): Wages Bill, completion of report. Friday (2.30): Private Members' business.

Golden Eagle ball

American Women's Club of London
The silver jubilee of the Golden Eagle ball was celebrated at the Savoy Hotel on Saturday by the American Women's Club of London. The ball raised money for the purchase of a kidney dialysis machine which was presented to representatives of St Bartholomew's Hospital for its holiday facility at the American Cancer Society, London. The ball was held at the Savoy Hotel on Saturday by the American Women's Club of London. The ball raised money for the purchase of a kidney dialysis machine which was presented to representatives of St Bartholomew's Hospital for its holiday facility at the American Cancer Society, London.

MR DONALD MILLER

Mr Donald Miller, Vice-President of the Leprosy Mission International and its former general secretary, died on April 25. Born in 1893, he was posted to India by the Mission to Leppers in 1921, becoming secretary for India shortly afterwards. His business acumen, devoted service and remarkable knowledge of the people, enabled him to lead a significant expansion of the mission's work.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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Royal Marines new entries

The following candidates were declared successful for entry to the Royal Marines and entered the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, Lympstone on May 1.

Service Dinner

The Northamptonshire Regiment (1939/46)
The Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire was the principal guest at the annual officers' reunion dinner of the 4th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (1939/46) held at Simpson Barrels, Northampton, on Saturday, Major D. P. Scopes presided.

Church news
The Rev D R Hayball, Rector, St Andrew's Church, London, will retire on August 31. He was Canon of St Andrew's, London, from 1961 to 1971. He was also Rector of St Andrew's, London, from 1971 to 1985.

THE ARTS

Television Tenuous paradise

In 1790 the antiheroes of the Bounty, led by Fletcher Christian, landed on the remote island of Pitcairn. Today the world's remotest permanently inhabited settlement exists on some 50 of their descendants...

On the first leg, he might have done better to spare some forced parallels between Bligh's experience and his own. Sailing a chartered yacht from Tahiti with a crew full of people called Jasmine and Vivian did not seem quite the staggering feat he made it...

Looking as fragile as old porcelain, Constance Cummings made a convincing Acton. As her brother-in-law and secret lover, Michael Aldridge was a bit crumpled and ponderous...

Nicholas Shakespeare

Opera National Studio Bloomsbury Theatre

The audacity of starting an evening of short-staged operatic extracts with the opening scene and duet from Don Giovanni is typical of the National Opera Studio...

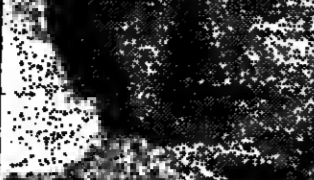
The young trainees, of course, have enjoyed a full academic year of meticulous in-depth grooming in every detail of stagecraft and intensive musical coaching...

But it is not the year of the potential megastar. Of the statutory 12 trainees, few this time round have real sharpness of vocal profile or truly memorable stage presence...

Hilary Finch

The BBC's sensitivity to outside criticism seems now to be verging on destructive paranoia: Mark Lawson investigates cause and effect

Just a word in the ear upstairs



Graeme McDonald: found the slaughterhouse all too strong

A serious disease has been diagnosed among the higher management of the BBC. The symptoms include heavy sweating when viewing programmes before transmission and a tendency to hear voices...

The producer cannot be named; one of the side-effects of the infection of the upper echelons is a terror among the lower orders about expressing dissent. But his views are echoed elsewhere...

At a time when one of the Royal Ballet's leading dancers, Anthony Dowell, is about to become the company's artistic director, the two leading French choreographers, Maurice Béjart and Roland Petit, have just put their names to a long letter...

The letter, printed with an introduction by the paper's arts editor and former dance critic, Claude Baignères, is seen in Paris less as an artistic manifesto than as a move in a power-struggle following the recent French elections...

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his consent, says: "My impression was that one's work was being carved up — by people from outside the drama department — out of a mixture of philistinism and fear. I find the present atmosphere very worrying..."

This sixth-floor twitchiness and its effect on staff morale is the flipside to the BBC's recent triumphs in ratings wars and awards ceremonies. The decision to give "technical redundancy" to the important BBC current affairs journalist Roger Bolton...

The fourth part of the BBC Wales ecological documentary series Far From Paradise was referred to the Controller of BBC2, Graeme McDonald.



The Fishing Party; management required "clarification" before transmission

who decided that a sequence depicting the passage of a cow from grazing to gravity was "too strong for that time of night". The edition was postponed and then shown without the slaughterhouse scene.

Other, smaller, examples have led to a feeling in the affected parts of the BBC that the management's dusk raids — often last-minute, sometimes after the first version has been screened to the Press and always attracting adverse publicity — smack less of responsible cutting and more of stricken guilt...

Deadhead, also suffered from an eleven-hour frown from above. Cuts in sexually-explicit language and action were ordered by Graeme McDonald.



Mary Whitehouse: can justifiably feel she is winning the censorship battle

"I'm winning! I'm winning! They're listening!" Well, are they? The reasons for this asbestos mentality among management are varied. The so-called Real Lives programme is a major factor; burnt fingers, the BBC management picks up tapes and scripts gingerly. The suspension of two journalists from the series Rough Justice...

For programme-makers, the most painful aspect of the last few months has been the through middle-headedness of the management reaction.



With television under threat of censorship by government, they believe there is a need for a logical and organized response. The decisions taken to date seem insistently contradictory. In the eyes of Mrs Whitehouse, every act of censorship, the more muddled and public the better, is an admission of guilt...

Rudolf Nureyev, the Paris Opéra's ballet director, is under fire from rival choreographers in a typically French media battle of topsy-turvydom: John Percival reports

The trick of turning success into failure

back job put together for them, it undoubtedly represents their antipathy to Rudolf Nureyev as ballet director. Petit fell out with Nureyev after the latter had danced with Petit's Marseille company in New York a few years back, following a quarrel variously ascribed to Nureyev's interpretation of Petit's choreography and his partner's ambition to call the choreographer on stage quickly enough to share the applause.

his two leading men. When the Opéra pointed out that he had no authority for this, he went on television and denounced Nureyev in terms like a cross between *Accuse* and *Blasphème* of the Opéra. That provoked an official statement by the Opéra's administration referring to a psychological crisis and expressing hopes for a speedy recovery.

his own career to take care of the development of other dancers looks rather silly. It is in any case a surprising claim from two men each of whom began as star dancer and choreographer and director of his own company, and neither of whom could easily stay off stage even after he had ostensibly retired. Many would argue that Petit's best period was the youthful one when he was most fully smothered.



Stephen Rea's vividly imagined and unrecognizable double act, as Brendan Bracken (left) and William Joyce

affid concentrates on the present actions of two men who invented themselves. We see Bracken juggling with two telephones as he coaxes London hostesses and newspaper-writers to dance to his tune. We see Joyce likewise exercising long-distance influence from his Berlin radio studio. We see both men giving their women a hard time. Bracken rejecting his girlfriend even when she is so kind as to dress up as a Boy Scout, and Joyce beating up his wife when she confesses to an affair. There is also Bracken's criminal brother who hounds him with blackmailing demands; and the suggestion is lodged that this figure also stands for Joyce.

Mumbo Jumbo

class in a chanted group poem of Vachel Lindsay's poem "The Congo". The Dean's assertion that "poetry can set you free" rings hollowly in the mind of his star pupil, Dunham, a budding poet tortured both by the guilt of his privileged position in an unjust society and, ever more agonizingly, by the genetic urge which finds scant satisfaction in the expedient homosexuality of boarding-school life.

Concerts Philharmonia/Rattle Festival Hall

Wafted there by gentle sponsorship from Charteris, the Philharmonia are drifting in the spirit to France for the next week in a series of concerts "Après l'Après-Midi". Perhaps Simon Rattle, who conducts all five evenings, somewhat overstates the case in suggesting that French music is unduly neglected. It is, after all, the subject of the Royal Philharmonic Society's current season, and of the Bath Festival soon to begin.

We began, of course, with Debussy's prelude to *Mallarmé*, a little stiffly played, though the piece is next to impossible to make work in the concert hall. But that is emphatically not the case with *Iberia*, which closed the concert in fine style. Mr Rattle kept the movement strong and purposeful through all his changes of texture and speed, leading by way of marvelously clear yet soft detail in the central section to a sharp final crack, the music snapped out of sight just where another composer would have been launching his coda.

Within the Debussy outer layers, there were song triptychs by Ravel, and at the centre Boulez's *Riviera*, by far the most un-Debussian of this composer's scores. It is also the most over-played, certainly by the standard of what it has to say, which is not very much, and all of that gloomy.

It will have, as here, Felicity Palmer as the contralto soloist, gloriously secure and forthright in her singing on this occasion, as much in her incandescent illumination of "the light that doth not depart" as in her great cry of welcome to those "from the dazzling unknown shore" who will show the future. The London Symphony Chorus, uncommonly buoyant of tone in sopranos and tenors, responded with a brightness that needed only some further feeling for the deeper spirit of the words.

Mr Hickox conducted with a sensibility to music and text that came close to the heart of the work, and began to generate the requisite warmth of character from the moment the cellos sang their theme in the introduction. This hall is not kind to music that depends so much on balance and perspective, often judging what should be our focus of attention, but there were moments of sadness and splendour to reflect that "each age is a dream that is dying, or one that is coming to birth".

In the first part of the programme a breezy but disciplined account of Weber's *Oberon* Overture was followed by Ida Haendel's serenely poised performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. She was over-indulgent with portamenti, in the first movement particularly, but she spun a beautiful thread of soft tone when required as well as lacking nothing in more extravagant technique. The orchestral playing was a model of style and discernment in supporting her.

Noël Goodwin

Masterson/Wigmore Hall

Two encores, "Depuis le jour" from Charpentier's *Louise* and "A brown bird singing", went to the very heart of the matter. London has waited long enough for Valerie Masterson's recital and recital record. They arrived together at the weekend with almost identical programmes, and gave the Masterson following all it wanted: the warm, sensuous "Divine of l'Empire" on the one hand, and the fresh, milk-and-roses English parlour lass on the other.

England first. Miss Masterson turned to Arne, Handel and Henry Bishop to warm up and, with the help of Graham Johnson (piano) and Richard Adeney (flute), dived "Under the greenwood tree" and rose with the gentle lark. Her instinctive phrasing and faultless cantabile can have a tendency to stand in for any highly particularized or individual response. And, when

top notes are regularly squeezed as if something were always being held in reserve. It does make for a somewhat trying flatness of timbre. Before the interval it seemed as if the golden mean were all: a sunny impassiveness hovered, and one longed for a different tinct, particularly in the little grief-stricken Paisiello aria.

Gounod got her going. There was much to enjoy in the way she bounded together the nocturnal language of "Absent" into long, warm lines, and in the vocalise which shadowed her Victor Hugo "Sere". Bizet's domestic narrative, sprung to sprightly life in his "Vieille Chanson", and Satie's "Divine" found her equal.

One hesitates to carp at such affectionately idiomatic artistry; but the Gallic music would have smiled more broadly if Miss Masterson had not been quite so laid back about her vowels: "pail" for "pale", to cite just one example, is pardonable once, but twice is simply careless.

Hilary Finch

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Joy at Liverpool: Alan Hansen, captain of the team that beat Everton, passing the Cup to Kenny Dalglish, player-manager, at the start of a victory parade.



Grief at Bradford: Martin Fletcher comforted by his mother.

Memorial unveiled for football blaze victims

Hundreds of people, including Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, attended the unveiling in Bradford yesterday of a memorial to the 56 football supporters who died in the fire at the city's Valley Parade ground on May 11 last year (Peter Daveport writes).

A white lily for each of those who died was laid by the statue. Among the crowd, which included many survivors of the blaze, was Martin Fletcher, aged 13, who lost his brother, father, grandfather and uncle in the blaze. Yesterday he had to be comforted by his mother, Mrs Susan Fletcher.

Final redeems city's sporting reputation

Liverpool on the same chartered aircraft, and made an 18-mile tour of the city in two open-top buses, after a civic reception at the airport.

Meltdown danger 'averted'

The contamination around the reactor is so high, that this promise could remain unrealized for many years.

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen attends a Thanking Service to mark the Secrecy of the Treaty of Windsor, St George's Chapel, Windsor, 11.30; and then, entertains the President of Portugal and Señora Maria de Jesus Soares to luncheon at Windsor Castle, 1; and later, attends a Reception given by the Ambassador of Portugal in honour of the President of the Portuguese Republic, 11 Belgrave Sq, SW1, 7.05.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,043

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-28 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS
1 They take care a drug's in a compound form (9).
2 The dish featured in one of Goya's pictures (5).
3 Circular blade used with constraint (7).
4 Dress in a bright colour having finished work (7).
5 A cross on an island that needs no explanation (5).
6 Place housing order (9).
7 Record circle becoming narrower (8).
8 Odd characters press one for an answer (8).
9 About fifty entered, it's concluded (9).
10 A little place that's not owner-occupied (5).
11 Opposed to the Bar (7).
12 A private art-gallery causing disquiet (7).
13 Song about a holy man getting excited (5).
14 Compromises... offers greens and mash (9).

DOWN
1 Boldness shown by everybody involved in bridge (9).
2 A good villain is a dull one (5).
3 The writer made real converts (2,2,4).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,042 will appear next Saturday

Concise crossword, page 10

Nature Notes

Mixed flocks of swallows, house martins and swifts are feeding over reservoirs...

The pound

Table listing exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, etc.

Anniversaries

Births: Edward Lear, painter and versifier, London, 1812; Florence Nightingale, Florence, 1820; Darius the Great, pre-painter and founder of the Porphyria Brotherhood, London, 1828; Jules Massenet, composer, Montauban, France, 1842; Gabriel Fauré, composer, Limoges, France, 1845; Lincoln Ellsworth, explorer and engineer, Chicago, 1880.

Deaths: Sir Charles Barry, architect, London, 1860; Frédéric Chopin, composer, Prusse, 1848; Alan Lovell, poet, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1925.

The Week's Walks

Today: Along and By-Ways of Old London, meet Patricia Underwood, 11; Nature Walk around St Pancras, meet Hester Pugh, 10.30; The Famous Sherlock Holmes Detective Trail, meet Baker Street, 12.30; The House of Commons, meet Rosemary Dwyer, 10.30; The House of Commons, meet Rosemary Dwyer, 10.30; The House of Commons, meet Rosemary Dwyer, 10.30...

Weather forecast

A deepening depression and associated fronts will move NE from the mid-Atlantic...

High Tides

Table of high tide times for various ports like Aberdeen, Cardiff, Liverpool, etc.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 161P; £26,667 (winner lives in Wakefield): 354B; £20,000: 229993 (winner lives in Surrey): 783897 (winner lives in Surrey).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on infrastructure investment in the North-west. Motion for the Spring adjournment.

Around Britain

Table showing weather forecasts for various regions: East Coast, West Coast, Midlands, etc.

Abroad

Table showing weather forecasts for various countries: Madrid, Rome, Tokyo, etc.

GILT-EDGED

Party nearly over for bond traders

If you had walked round any international bond market in the last six months, you would have heard them crooning "heavenly, simply heavenly," as yields crashed and values soared. But, as far as the British gilt investor is concerned, the love affair is about to end.

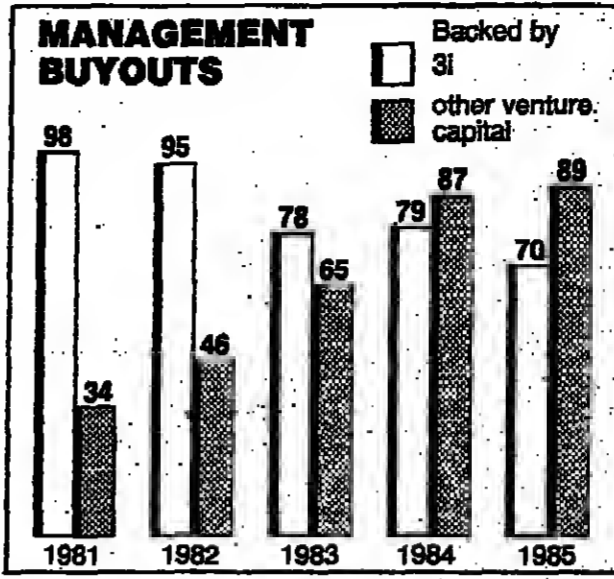
erosion of the surplus will gravely weaken one of the props underpinning the currency. Once again, this will reinforce official caution on interest rates.

opportunity for a base rate cut in Britain but there may be little scope, in the light of the considerations outlined above, for lower rates after that. The second-half profile could be flat at 10 per cent or, at best, 9 1/2 per cent.

Fears grow over the financing of leveraged buyouts

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

When the management of National Freight offered to buy the company from the Government for £50 million, it fired the imagination of ambitious executives all over the country.



being brought to the stock market on a £40 million valuation, having been bought out from its founding family for £12 million only a year ago.

Economy might be starved of capital investment

buyout specialist, only one in seven buyouts fails in Britain which compares very favourably with start-ups where the failure rate is more like one in four.

ber, size, and experience of leveraged deals is much greater than in Britain, this is already causing serious concern.

Role for the Bank to watch expanding credit

to one thought of as not unreasonable by venture capitalists. This sort of financing looks highly conservative compared with ratios of up to 10 to one on many of the larger buyouts in the US.

Bringing a new dimension to the British bid defence

The frenetic takeover activity gripping the stock market has put a high premium on the services of professional advisers.

ence of profit forecasts and asset revaluations has not been successful of late, however. Goldman's analysis of all hostile bids in Britain worth more than £75 million since 1983 shows that the chances of remaining independent, without being saved by a reference to the Monopolies Commission, are minimal.

in Telerate had previously been an undervalued asset, which the flotation revealed.

Blue Arrow has Hoggett in its sights

Attention this week has focused on employment agencies. Hoggett Bowers, the executive recruitment agency featured in this column in February as a good buy at 64p, had moved to 106p before the shares were suspended on Friday.

typists. Blue Arrow has positioned itself to be a big beneficiary of this trend, and in international terms is still very small.

foundings families still own more than 50 per cent of the equity. Blue Arrow may have embarked on an uphill task with this particular target.

and distributes soft drinks, mostly to working men's clubs. The profit record has been volatile in the past two years as it was badly affected by the miners' strike in 1984 and the poor summer weather last year.

million, which represents a substantial premium to Cavenor's net asset value of 64p.

Table with 2 columns: 'Company' and 'Rate'. Lists various financial institutions and their associated rates, including Adam & Company, BCCI, and Citibank.

Table titled 'BASE LENDING RATES'. Lists various banks and their base lending rates, including ABN, Adam & Company, and BCCI.

Goldman Sachs is content to stick with its niche in defence work, and does not consider the issue of which merchant bank takes the lead role as relevant.

Phillips & Drew, the company's broker, estimates that Blue Arrow will make pretax profits of £7.2 million in the year to October, 1986, compared with £2.2 million in 1985.

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ANALYSIS

Boots' attractions in the eyes of a bidder

"Our most successful stores are those which are close to a Boots." So says one of the new breed of high street chemist shops, or "drugstores" as they like to be known.

As an indictment of Boots' image as a flabby retailer, the comment is hard to beat. There are some signs that Boots is trying to wake up to the fact that the high streets are changing around it. But, perhaps because the management - up to and including the chairman, Mr Robert Gunn - consists mainly of chemists and pharmacists, there seems to be little confidence that the company has enough people with retail experience to turn it round.

There are only two secrets to successful retailing: one is to get people into the shop and the other is to get them to spend money. Boots has always been good at the former, but when it comes to converting the browser into a paying customer, it either simply does not happen or purchases tend to be small.

But Boots is, in part, starting to overcome this. It is now much easier to find things in the 35 or so refurbished stores, a programme which will encompass the largest 100 out of more than 1,000 stores. Stock control is also much better. Boots now has a greatly improved supply line from its depots to the shelves and stocks no longer run out with such frequency.

But automated check-out is still at the pilot stage. When it first looked at this some years ago, Boots decided it was too expensive and difficult, given its range of goods. If it had overcome the problems of bar-coding its goods then, faster check-outs would have reduced queues and stock control would be much better.

Boots' failure, or what Mr John Richards of the stockbroker Wood Mackenzie sadly refers to as its "lost opportunity," has been its inability to capitalize on its name and reputation to move away from its specialist concentration on toiletries. There is, he feels, a lack of conviction in retailing other goods such as hi-fi and television sets.

It seems that customers who buy shampoo or even small electrical appliances - an area where Boots has been successful - do not stay to buy bigger items such as hi-fi. Moreover, when the home computer market went sour, it was ceded by Dixons, which is simply a better retailer.

Consequently, the prospect of Boots opening out-of-town



Robert Gunn: beginning to solve retailing problems.

superstores fills him with "absolute horror." The company has four or five sites lined up and the speculation is that they will be developed as leisure and garden centres.

Originally, the spur was the liberalization of Sunday trading laws. But the Bill was defeated in Parliament and, although the out-of-town concept remains valid, surely the company should be speeding up the revitalization of its existing shops.

Boots is not only a retailer. Less widely understood are its pharmaceutical and consumer products businesses. These are grouped together in the industrial products division, which earns 37 per cent of the company's pretax profit on only 18 per cent of total turnover.

The pharmaceutical sales are the most profitable. Although only half of the industrial division's sales are pharmaceuticals, it is estimated that they generate 65 per cent of profits.

The most important drug developed by Boots is Ibuprofen, the original non-steroidal, anti-arthritis and analgesic with few side-effects. In the US, it was marketed as Motrin by Upjohn, under an exclusive licence. After all the promotional cash had been spent, Boots came in with its own cheaper rival, Rufen - cheaper because Upjohn paid Boots royalties. These royalties, worth some £8 million annually, ceased a year ago.

It is now off-patent in most parts of the world and significant generic competition has developed. Boots will try to beat this by creating fresh strengths, but promotional costs will eat into margins, and, besides, there is a limit to how many variations there can be in a single compound.

Boots has developed a stronger version of its anti-

arthritic, Flurbiprofen. It will also be marketed in the US by Upjohn - under the name Ansdid - but, this time, Boots has relinquished the right to market it there itself.

The market for Flurbiprofen is likely to be more restricted than for Ibuprofen, because of slightly higher side-effects. Doctors are unlikely to switch patients who are doing well on Ibuprofen to the new drug - especially since the Open scandal.

Loss of royalties and greater competition to Ibuprofen are likely to mean that pharmaceuticals will, at best, be flat for the next two years or so. Little has been heard recently about the new cardiovascular drug, which carries the name, BT549465.

This is being developed for sufferers of high blood pressure, but the really big market is among mildly-to-moderately hypertensive patients.

It is currently thought to be doing well in phase II of its clinical trials - extremely high patients - and there should be news soon on whether it will be moved on to the next stage for trials on the less seriously ill.

However, if it is launched as expected in 1989, there is unlikely to be much by way of a contribution to profits before 1990, as development expenditure, launch and promotion costs take their toll of margins. Thereafter, of course, the profits from what is reckoned to be a £6 billion market will be enormous.

Boots' next announcement will be its preliminary results for the year to March 31, due on May 29.

At that time, there could also be news on a number of fronts, including the progress of BT549465, plans for the out-of-town sites and the property revaluation, estimated to be worth 200p per share.

Analysts are looking for some £190 million pretax, excluding property sales and exceptional items, an 8 per cent increase on last year. Looking ahead to 1987, the shares are on a prospective multiple of 13.6, compared with the average for the retail sector of 16.

The shares are still vulnerable to a bidder, which would dismantle Boots into its component parts. Both property and pharmaceuticals still look like attractive items and there does not seem to be any bid premium in the share price.

Carol Ferguson

COMPANY NEWS

TESCO: The company has sold Tesco Stores Ireland to H Williams and Co for £17 million (£15.4 million), adjusted by the net working capital value at the date of completion.

JOSEPH ROBEY: Total payment for 1985 16p (14p). Turnover £10.02 million (£9.41 million). Pretax profit £3.05 million (£2.63 million). Earnings per share 61.75p (49.53p).

P&W MACLELLAN: Total dividend for 1985 1.9p (1.7p). Turnover £10.62 million (£9.88 million). Pretax profit £261,000 (£231,000). Earnings per share 5.4p (4.9p).

NORTHGATE EXPLORATION: Consolidated net income for the three months to March 31 1986, compared with a loss of £21.22 million last time.

APPLIED HOLOGRAPHICS: The company is to buy 50 per cent of a new company, owned by Transfer Print Films which will make hot stamp films and mass-produced embossed holograms in Britain. The new company's net assets are £2.5 million (£1.62 million). In addition, the known asset management experience to be supplied by TPF has been valued at £300,000.

JONAS WOODHEAD: The company has sold its forklift arm manufacturing unit in Manchester to Whiteice Engineers.

DELTA GROUP: Agreement has been reached for the acquisition of the non-ferrous strip business of Wilkinson Metals, which will be absorbed by Baker and Allen, a Delta offshoot based in Birmingham.

DRG: Pretax profits in the first quarter of the current year show a "satisfactory increase" over the comparable period last year, the annual meeting was told.

M&G DIVIDEND FUND: The interim distribution of the income units for the period Nov. 25, 1985 to Nov. 23, 1986 will be 6.4p (5.5p), payable on July 15.

M&G GILT AND FIXED INTEREST INCOME FUND: The second interim distribution of the income units for the period Nov. 11, 1985 to Nov. 9, 1986 will be unchanged at 1.0p.

M AND G JAPAN AND GENERAL FUND: The final distribution on the income units for the period May 11, 1986 will be 1p (1.3p), payable on June 29.

MARKETS

Why investors could well sell in May and go away

The famous stock market injunction to sell in May and go away is a good guideline on average seven years out of 10.

The signs are it could operate again in 1986. The latest Stock Exchange account certainly ended on Friday on a dreary note. Government reverses in Thursday's local elections and at Ryedale were blamed for the background is more important than the news. Had prices been booming, the odd by-election would have been ignored.

The damage had been done earlier, and was set off by downturns on Wall Street. Over the week, the FT-SE 100 share index dropped 50 points

(about 3 per cent) and the traditional FT 30-share index by slightly more, taking both through the support levels marked out by Mr Steven Jarvis, technical analyst at Kleinfelder.

The all-share index has held up better and could still be described as consolidating rather than definitely heading south.

Psychology apart, there are good reasons why share buyers should be standing back after a hectic boom in the first three months of the year. The round of interest rate cuts is now thoroughly discounted for the moment. There will be plenty of calls for institutional money through rights issues

such as that from the Prudential in the short run and from British Gas and lesser privatization issues later on.

Some of the steam has gone out of the takeover boom for the moment too, with S&W Berisford likely to follow Allied-Lyons into the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The feeling that any company of any size might attract a takeover bid allows investors to ignore the fundamentals of shares, so any lessening of the takeover pace would throw a bucket of cold water over quite a few share prices.

Mr Jack Defries of Greene & Co, among others, read a reversal in the share charts

before May arrived. Mr Jarvis is still not sure, but notes that if the "Sell in May" maxim works for a third year running, share prices might tumble more than 15 per cent.

At this stage, however, that would still rate as a correction for the London stock market, which, like others, has run ahead too fast of late. So long as interest rates are falling but economic activity is not, the conditions for a bear market do not seem to be met, so investors could still find some excitement when they return from a summer holiday.

Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table with columns for Company, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, and P/E ratio. Lists various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

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APPOINTMENTS

Channel 4: Mrs Jennifer d'Abo has been appointed to the board by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

of technical services. Albert E Sharp, Mr John Hughes will join the partnership from June 16.

County Bank: Mr Phillip Porter is to join as head of marketing worldwide for international capital markets.

Landsaver: Lord Kings Norton has become chairman. Sir M United Kingdom: Mr Ron Bankol will become managing director on July 1 after the retirement of Mr Robert Olney.

Burmah Oil: Mr JB Jones will become company secretary from September 1, following the retirement of Mr MAR Hastings.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Dollar Spot Rates, and Money Markets and Gold rates.

Employers wary of share plan

The Government's radical proposals to increase share ownership and profit-sharing among workers, outlined in the Budget, are being rebuffed by some sections of industry.



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Pulling out all the stops

Goodbye to the railway sandwich

Today British Rail ends the hassle of changing trains and stations in London on many InterCity journeys between the Northwest, the Midlands and Kent and Sussex.

Each weekday seven InterCity trains each way cut across west London via Kensington Olympia, directly connecting main centres north and south of the Thames in journey times that a law-abiding motorist taking the long, M25 way around the capital cannot better.

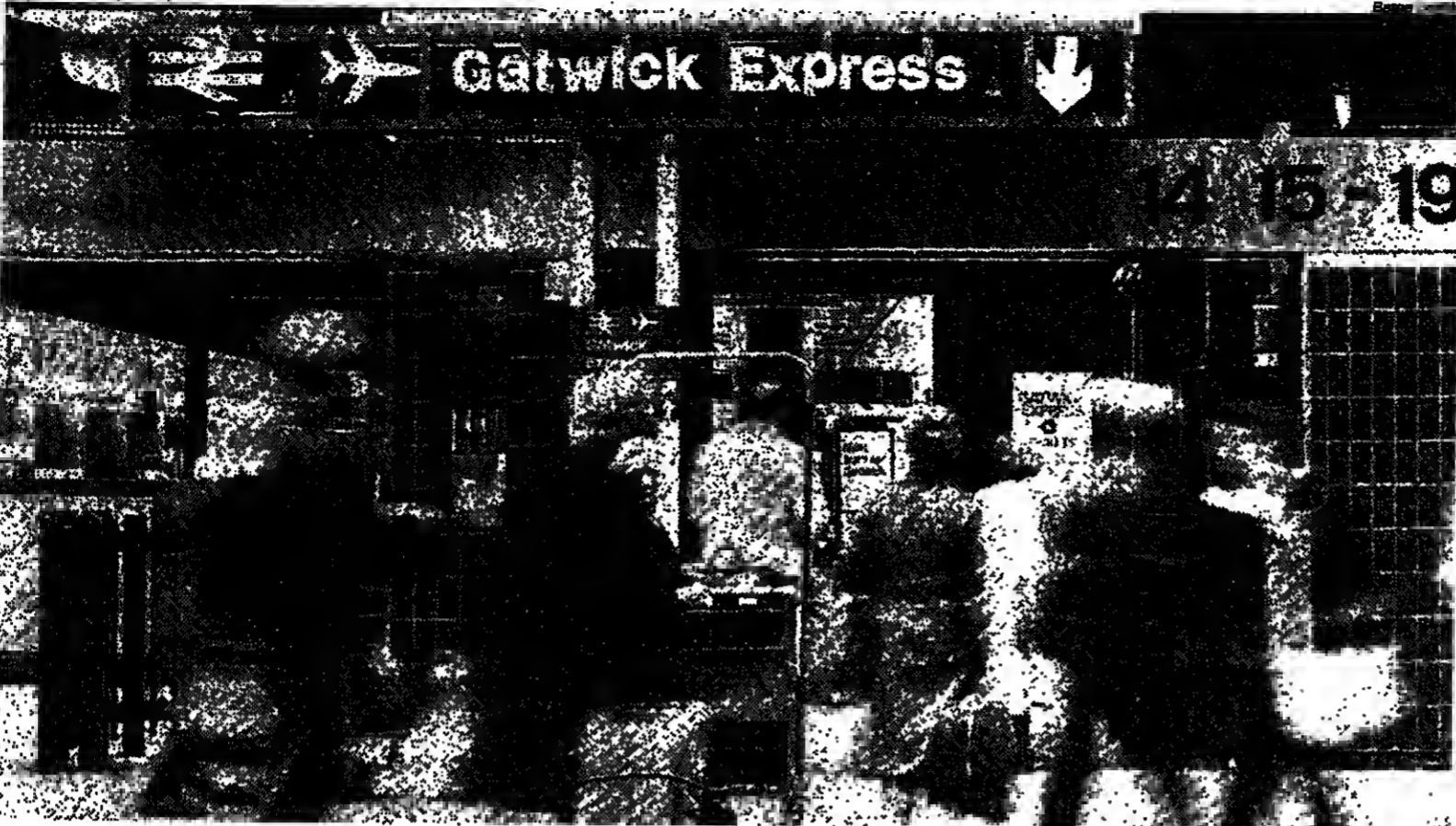
A Mancunian can be in Croydon for a business appointment within 3½ hours, for example; or grandparents living in retirement in Brighton with their family in Birmingham in only three hours. At a stroke the Manchester-Gatwick Airport or Brighton rail journey has been shortened by more than 1½ hours through the new InterCity route's maximum use of the 100 mph electrified main line to inner London. South of the capital, where the electrification system is different, diesel locomotives have to take over; but these can run at 90 mph wherever track and traffic allow.

All these cross-London trains use modern air-conditioned coaches, and most include a buffet car.

The new trains call variously at Milton Keynes, Watford Junction, Clapham Junction, East Croydon and Bromley South in outer London.

Besides enhancing their value in provincial markets — not only for travel to the towns named, but with simple change of train at Clapham or Bromley, for trips to almost anywhere on the Southern Region — this makes InterCity an attractive medium for shorter-distance, cross-London journeys. Watford Junction is now less than an hour away from East Croydon, only 100 minutes from Brighton and Milton Keynes is within 2½ hours rail travel of Dover.

All trains in both directions stop at the substantially redeveloped Kensington Olympia station. That puts InterCity on the threshold of the West



Fast movers: Passengers at Victoria ready to board the Gatwick Express

London exhibition complexes and hotel belt, of Kensington's museums and of Knightsbridge's shops. Furthermore, the station's proximity to the M4 and M40 exits and its greatly expanded 450-ft space car park, allied to the new cross-London service, commend it to a considerable swathe of London suburbia as an InterCity starting point.

For that matter, arriving InterCity passengers can easily arrange to drive on to their ultimate destination. Kensington Olympia has been added to the 70 InterCity stations where Europcar's worldwide car rental operation has a Raildrive base. Pre-booked at any Europcar office, a self-drive car will be placed to meet any train a customer specifies.

The cross-London InterCity schedules and the trains' stops have been adroitly framed to bracket simultaneously a number of travel markets.

Thus the day's first northbound train starts from Newhaven at 6.25 to meet the Seafink night boat from Dieppe (the last one southbound connects with the outward boat). But then, calling at Haywards Heath, Gatwick Airport, East Croydon and Clapham Junction from 06.50 to 7.35, this early departure becomes a useful business travel medium from Sussex and Surrey to the Potteries and Manchester (which it reaches at 10.41) or, with a same-platform change of train at Watford Junction, the West Midlands.

Reinforcement of the already

powerful InterCity presence at Gatwick Airport is a major objective of the cross-London innovation. Four trains in each direction stop there, and at times which mesh with the airport's morning

A useful business travel medium

ing and evening peaks of departures and arrivals.

Provincial users of Gatwick are not the only beneficiaries: the new trains put Gatwick within 40-45 minutes' rail travel of Kensington Olympia, little more than an hour away from Watford Junction.

With the wide range of cross-country journeys it simplifies and accelerates, and

with the further inducement of Saver fares, the new InterCity service is bound to make most impact in the leisure travel market. There its appeal extends to continental as well as domestic journeys: a third of BR's passenger traffic to the Channel ports originates north of London.

Dover Western Docks is the terminus of the two morning trains from Manchester and the one from Liverpool; and three trains return from Dover to the North West. The Dover arrivals and departures are planned to connect with the Jetfoil and conventional ferry services to and from Ostend; and there with the Continental railways' long-haul passenger network.

With Jetfoil over the Channel, Brussels can still be

reached at 20.00 from the latest of the Dover trains from the North West, the 9.25 from Manchester, and even Cologne before midnight.

Thus the prime benefit will be for travellers to Belgium, the Netherlands and the Rhineland, though there are also good connections at Ostend with overnight trains to centres in the Continental heartland. The new service has the backing of European Saver five-day return fares for a wide range of journeys: Birmingham-Brussels £54, for example, or Manchester-Brussels £64, in all cases plus £6 for each one-way use of Jetfoil.

Dr John Prideaux, who was appointed BR's InterCity director in February, takes over a business on an upward curve, carrying more passengers than at any time in British express train history. But despite a 1985-86 revenue improvement of 3 per cent in real terms, the business is being pressed to achieve its government-set target of a 5 per cent return on assets by 1988-89.

Stimulation of more revenue growth through product improvement, Dr Prideaux believes, can close much of the gap.

"I'm obsessive about quality," he says. "Overall it's good. On most routes I can get people to the heart of London twice as fast as the plane and more reliably and comfortably. That's why our Leeds and Tees-Tyne Pullmans have taken a great deal of business from the air services."

"Remember that a plane has to touch down at least 15 minutes adrift before an airline admits it is late. If an InterCity 125 is 15 minutes late I have fuming passengers stamping up and down the corridors."

Reliability is admittedly below par on routes into Euston. Recreparation there should begin with timetable simplifications in 1987-88 and be completed in 1989 after new locomotives have replaced now-fallible models of the 1960s. Dr Prideaux is bent on eradicating all operational vulnerability from InterCity timetables, though he stresses that some present day-to-day flaws are traceable not to imperfect plan, but to inattention to detail, which can and will be put right.

As for on-train quality, Dr Prideaux has already put in hand improved seat designs. Numerous innovations are contemplated in the next generation of MkIV cars to equip the East Coast main line electrifications.

The new InterCity catering system's transfer of all food preparation, save the British breakfast, to ground kitchens will transform on-train service as well as the range of wares

on offer. "When the staff are no longer tied to a kitchen, we shall expect them to provide continuous on-seat trolley service throughout the train. And there will be no excuse for shutting down that service long before the train reaches its terminus," says Dr Prideaux.

"We're trying to bury the old 'railway sandwich'," he adds with relish, promising that its successor, produced exclusively in the ground kitchens, will rival in choice of filling, freshness and packaging the best offered over chain-store counters. Also to be interred in favour of a better product is what currently passes in train buffets for tea

and coffee. Already this summer the menus will feature regional specialties — cream teas, for instance, on West Country InterCity 125s.

Another innovation will be regional catering staff dress, to the extent even of a tartan rig on a couple of Anglo-Scottish services. This is no mere window-dressing but, along with identification of personnel to passengers by name, a move to intensify the pride in the job which the quality and customer-care scope of the new system ought to generate.

Also for the sake of customer care and job satisfaction, proposals may soon be put to the



Dr John Prideaux: Pressing targets to be met

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InterCity's new Cross London service closes the gap between the North and the South.

Until now, travellers between the North West and South East of England faced a gap in their journey. It meant stopping off to change trains to get across London.

But all that has changed. Now, for the first time, there is a direct InterCity link between Manchester and Liverpool in the North West, Brighton, Newhaven and Dover in the South East.

InterCity's new Cross London service is running regularly through the capital via the new InterCity station at Kensington Olympia.

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An easier run from Olympia

The new Intercity station at Kensington Olympia will free travellers from further afield as well as residents of West London from the nightmare of crossing London to start a new rail journey.

Part of the impetus for the new facility — and the astonishing speed with which it has materialised — has been the instant popularity of the new and improved M3 and M25 motorways which with the M4 are bringing a stream of traffic in from the "silicon valleys" of the Thames Valley and north Hampshire as well as Bristol, Wales and the West Country.

Car commuters can park their vehicles at one of the 450 spaces (which will have a concessionary charge of £2.50 a day) and connect with an Intercity train to go to Coventry, Birmingham, Stoke, Liverpool or Manchester in one direction or Gatwick Airport or the Channel ports in the other. Equally, rail travellers from any of these destinations can now alight at the new station and continue their journey by a new underground service to all parts of London.

Like all Intercity services, the new station has been designed mainly to meet business requirements. Proximity to the Olympia exhibition complex and the revival which this 100-year-old venue has had under its recent owners, P&O, is attracting foreign as well as British business delegates, was an important factor in British Rail's decision to upgrade the former motor-rail terminal at Kensington Olympia.

Exhibitions along with conferences are now regarded as big business. On a national scale the industry is estimated

as generating substantially more than £1 billion worth of expenditure a year and growing. The British Tourist Authority is expecting a 40 per cent increase in the numbers of business visitors from overseas this year as compared with 1982.

Its comparatively central location at the junction of Hammersmith and South Kensington has meant that Olympia has always been popular with overseas visitors to such major events as the International Showjumping Championships, the World Travel Market or the International Bike Show. The complex draws a world audience of more than 1 million visitors annually of whom at least 75,000 are identified as coming from abroad.

The success since the opening in August, 1984 of Olympia 2, a newly-refurbished hall within the existing complex has surprised even the owners.

Encouraged by the return on its investment in the exhibition halls, Tim Harris, chairman and managing director of the Earls Court and Olympia company, has announced plans for a new conference centre. Integrated with the exhibition complex, the main auditorium will be able to seat up to 450 delegates.

The first phase of the new conference unit is scheduled to open next year and Mr Harris regards the new rail and underground service — which will bring Olympia within a 39 minute journey

Both Earls Court and Olympia were originally developed as exhibition sites with the time of Gatwick Airport for instance — as a decided advantage.



Smarter service: Chief steward Anthony Pullin serves breakfast to the chairman of BR Engineering Philip Norman, on the new-style Pullman

railways very much in mind. Olympia has a covered walkway linking it to the station; the walkway as well as its own multi-storey car park (one of the first of its kind in Europe) remains a part of the new design. Earls Court, a mile or so down the line, has lost its main line rail station although its underground, which gives it a direct link to Heathrow Airport, survives and has been refurbished. The design for the new hall provides, however, for the possibility of the BR station being reopened and for the link with express train services re-established.

Mr Harris may hate to admit it, since he considers it to be a deadly business rival, but the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham will also benefit from the new

cross-London service. Under the new timetable, prospective delegates can leave their cars at Kensington Olympia and catch a train at 11.21 am which will arrive via Milton Keynes Central and Coventry at Birmingham International at 13.04. The new service will also provide a new link from, say Surrey or Sussex or one-off

Covered walkway to the station

events such as the Stoke Garden Festival which is expected to attract more than 4 million visitors in total, as well as to the conference and exhibition centre at Brighton.

In its design the new station at Kensington-Olympia reflects the requirements of

international business executives. Travellers will be able to buy through tickets to continental destinations once a new computer-linked ticketing installation comes into operation. They will also be able to reserve seats on trains which will pass through the station en route between the North West and Midlands to the Channel ports of Folkestone and Dover via Gatwick Airport and onwards into the heart of Europe.

A new weekday service will link the station to popular school party destinations such as the museums at South Kensington, three stops along the District Line or the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben at Westminster.

Patricia Tisdall

All aboard the Sunny Express

Cross-London Intercity re-generates a route pioneered by the London North Western and London Brighton & South Coast Railways in 1904. By then two-thirds of the nation could rise to an annual holiday, and with the less well-off middle class not flush enough to travel abroad was seeking refuge in the South's more genteel watering-places.

Sensing that this growth market was being started by the scramble for porters and cabs to transfer the weight of an Edwardian family's holiday baggage between London stations, the two railways collaborated to a through coach working between Liverpool, Brighton and Eastbourne.

Such was the response to this 1904 summer venture that the following March it burgeoned into a full-blown train, complete with restaurant car, combining portions from Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham. At first it was called the Sunny South Special, and was later known as the Sunny South Express.

The Sunny South was cancelled during the First World War but reappeared in 1922, again running daily but becoming a progressively more complex operation. Sheffield was added to its starting points, Hastings to its destinations, plus the Kent Coast resorts at weekends. In the late 1930s, despite rising car ownership, the Sunny South could proliferate into half-a-dozen separate trains.

The Second World War ended the train's career. Its route was revived for some summer weekend-only cross-country trains, but in the 1960s these gradually succumbed to cheaper and quicker motorway, and to Beeching's abhorrence of high-season extra trains which earned less than it cost BR to maintain their infrequently-used coaches.

Cross-London Intercity is blameless on either count. It is a daily operation, making fully productive use of assets and appealing to more than one sizeable market sector. And between Manchester and Brighton it beats the 1939 Sunny South schedule of around six and a quarter hours by more than two hours.

The keynote now is quality

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options for an upgrading of the status and training of all staff dealing with passengers.

Overcrowding of some peak trains is an almost intractable problem (though Dr Pridemore claims that only three Intercity passengers in every thousand cannot find a seat). But it will be eased, he says.

The productivity of the Intercity 125 train-sets is being yet further lifted by revising overhead schedules and introducing repair-by-component-replacement practice. This releases two additional sets for the cross-country Intercity 125 route and generally expands the resources to meet peak demand on the high revenue-earning routes. In the MkIV cars to come, the risk of having to stand is quite likely to be minimized further through the installation of tip-up seats in vestibules.

"We shall make the most of the extra availability of rolling stock we are promised by BR's production departments, and run as many extra trains as we can to provide capacity when people want to travel," says Dr Pridemore.

"But if we still cannot comfortably carry all the people who want to travel on a Friday night, then, as I'm determined on a quality service, I would rather price up a bit to make sure Friday passengers get a comfortable ride."

It is partly in that light that from today the higher-priced Saver ticket rate is enforced for any return journey involving Friday travel, back to starting point as well as outward.

Cross-London Intercity travel equals Anglo-Scottish for volume, and the director regards today's through train development as only a first step in easing the detour of

an in-town change of trains and stations. Similar links between the East Coast main line and the South may well be forged after the 1988 launch of the cross-London suburban service via the rehabilitated and electrified Snow Hill tunnel between Moorgate and Blackfriars.

After his term as BR's West Midlands manager, Dr Pridemore left that area's Intercity stations the richest for car-parking room in the network.

"You must first of all be well signposted to an Intercity station, then not only be able to drive to it, but confident you can park at it," he insists.

"That we now aim to make a certainty throughout the Intercity system, including stations astride the M25 and above all at London terminal."

At least three more new Parkway stations are under consideration, one on the M25, a second on the East Coast, and the third on the West Coast main line.

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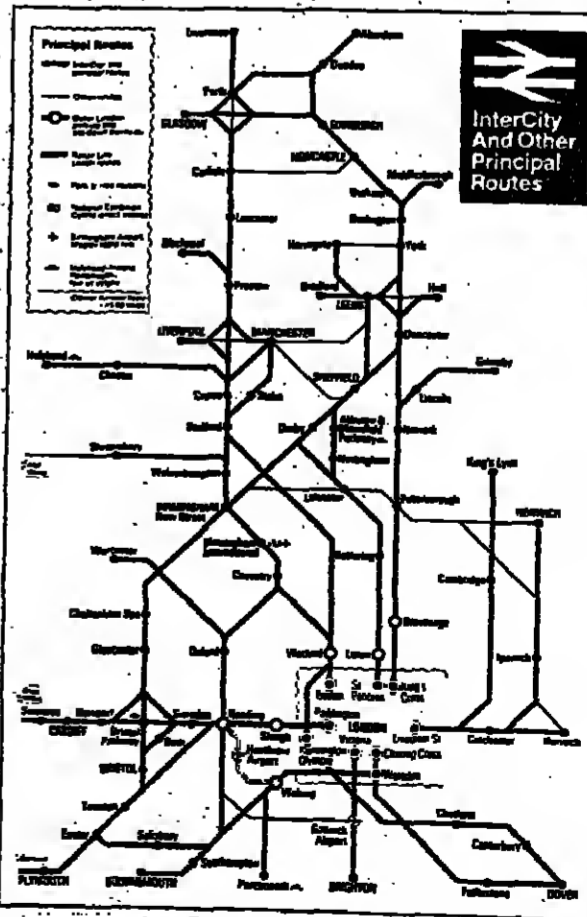
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Flying into a round-the-clock rail service

Gatwick was one of the first airports to incorporate a railway station. But the elderly, rickety trains and a timetable geared to office workers rather than air travellers did not endear the service to the airlines.

Since May 1984, however, the service has been transformed. Connection by rail was rarely advertised to holidaymakers let alone to high-spending business executives.

A passenger survey carried out last June shows that the number of travellers using the route had more than doubled in little over a year after the improvements were introduced.

Research carried out in March 1984 just before the non-stop, round-the-clock service came into effect, showed that around three million passengers were using the London to Gatwick route annually. By June 1985, the total was seven million.

The 1985 survey also proved the importance of the Gatwick to Victoria rail route in terms of national prestige - Gatwick is an important gateway to the United Kingdom, and the BR survey showed

that more than a third of all passengers between the airport and Victoria Station in London were foreign nationals, many of them visiting Britain for the first time.

The high-speed trains take just 30 minutes to travel between London Victoria and Gatwick and vice versa. Services leave Victoria every 15 minutes between 05.30 and 22.00 and operate throughout the night on a hourly basis.

Next to "speed", "convenience and simplicity" were main reasons for using the Gatwick rail service uncovered by BR researchers. A separate ticket office and clearly marked platforms at Victoria Station are a big help, particularly for passengers who may have problems with language or who, like most North Americans, are unfamiliar with rail travel.

Visitors also find the non-stop aspect of the new service reassuring. They do not have to worry about getting off at the wrong station or, once they have settled down, get disturbed by people getting on and off at other destinations. The trolley-type buffet with attendant who dispenses drinks and snacks also seems to work well and saves passengers struggling up and down the aisles with hot beverages. A new service which may be introduced shortly depending



Speaking up: Passengers wait to use the phone on the Merseyside Pullman

on the outcome of experiments at present in progress, will be telephones on trains.

Luggage however is still a problem. The new trains have extra-wide doors which make it easier to manoeuvre suitcases on and off the platform. British Caledonian, one of the biggest airlines based at Gatwick, offers check-in facilities at Victoria Station which relieve their customers from heavy luggage before they join the train.

Business executives who travel frequently (and who do not tend to take a lot of

luggage with them) are regarded as important customers by both the airlines and increasingly by British Rail. The BR passenger survey last year showed that at least 30 per cent of foreigners and 20 per cent of the UK residents using the Gatwick Airport to Victoria rail service were travelling on business.

Four express services in each direction will connect the North West and Midlands direct to Gatwick. This will, for instance, bring industrial capitals like Manchester within less than four hours away in

terms of journey time while, for Birmingham, the new timetable cuts a journey time of 3 hours 36 minutes. For West Londoners, the express services will give a new link to Gatwick from Kensington Olympia as an alternative to Victoria Station. People living or working in East London will have access via a new direct service from London Bridge which will take only four minutes longer than the 30 minutes from Victoria, but avoid the necessity to cross the city centre.

Recognition that the rail

link is likely to appeal to business executives is shown in recent publicity issued by the airlines who operate out of Gatwick Airport. British Caledonian, for instance, is including a first-class return rail ticket between Gatwick and Victoria Station in its Business Travellers' packages.

In a promotion operated in conjunction with British Rail, Virgin Atlantic are offering unrestricted return tickets from any station in England, Scotland, or Wales to Gatwick Airport for a special price of £19. First-class tickets are on offer for £29.

It is little more than a decade since London Transport discovered that tourists could be a blessing in terms of generating extra revenue (rather than a blight which merely inconvenienced commuters). Since then regular travellers too have gained from dramatic improvements in standards of the signalling, cleanliness, and attractiveness of Underground stations which stemmed partly from the drive to attract more traffic from overseas visitors. The improvements introduced on the London to Gatwick Airport service are an indication that British Rail users could be about to enjoy a similar transformation.

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not only hallmarks of BR InterCity, but a strategy adopted by continental railways. Some, such as the Dutch, West German and Swiss, have even paid their BR mentors the compliment of appropriating the InterCity logo untranslated.

Beeching's scepticism on whether InterCity would survive air and motorway advances has been confounded. Granted, InterCity has been scarred on some of its routes by long-haul bus deregulation and driven to counter with over-intricate and sometimes hazardously remunerative fare offers.

And government insistence - unique in western Europe - that InterCity return 5 per cent on its assets by 1989, has lately enforced rolling-stock reductions that occasionally

put service quality at risk through overcrowding. On the other hand, approval of the £306 million east-coast main line electrification now under way suggests that this same government, no overt aficionado of rail transport, is convinced of a viable InterCity's endurance.

Even the London-Scotland air shuttles have been held at bay by InterCity 125 HSTs. These are the diesel-powered 125 mph train sets which BR evolved in the 1970s when it was decided more InterCity electrification, let alone the purpose building of new high-speed lines such as was allowed for the French, German and Italian railways. As yet, InterCity 125 is the only high-speed train in the world to win an export sale, to the railways of New South Wales.

billions which the French spent on their new 170 mph Paris-Lyons line, BR ironed out curves, refined track and resignalled historic InterCity routes so that today Edinburgh is little more than 4½ hours and Newcastle upon Tyne just under three hours from London by the fastest InterCity 125 of the day.

New routes are due to be added

The east coast London-Scotland, London to the West and South Wales, London-East Midlands-Sheffield, and the North-East and North-West to the South-West via Birmingham routes are InterCity 125 territory. New routes may be added when, in 1989, HSTs are displaced between London and Leeds by

acceptance of major investment cases. A revolution in on-train catering, now directly managed by InterCity, has begun. A new system concentrating almost all preparation in ground-based kitchens makes feasible the simultaneous service of table-set meals and over-the-counter hot dishes.

The revival of meals-at-all-seats service in the first-class sections of key business trains between London and the North has been equally rewarding. For this InterCity has resurrected the Pullman brand name with its suggestion of customer care. Coin-operated telephone kiosks are a feature of all Pullman trains. These have just been added to all InterCity's Victoria-Gatwick trains, on which the apparatus will also accept British Telecom credit cards.

Comfort has improved along with InterCity speed, but at a rate conditioned both by funding ability and by Department of Transport ac-

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GOLF: CLARK HAS LEARNT THE VALUE OF RETAINING HIS YORKSHIRE RESILIENCE WHEN UNDER PRESSURE

Sellberg drives home Swedish message as he scores a first

By Mitchell Peatts

Ove Sellberg of Sweden, won the Epsom Grand Prix...

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Lyle was one up with five holes to play but Clark struck a marvellous three-wood...

Lyle might have moved ahead again but he had his attempt for a winning birdie...

Forsbrand gained sweet compensation for failing to beat the first when he defeated Lyle...

Even before he faced and defeated Sandy Lyle...

Yorkshireman had been required to beat Jose Rivero...

British lose face to a lesser American

From John Hennessy, Chantilly

Kelly Leadbetter put a number of faces out of contenance here yesterday...

short 16th and a sturdy par four to a bogey five at the next.

At half-time Wigan were only a point behind at 6-7, but Bishop kept popping over the top...

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Victor and vanquished: Selberg (left) kept his nerve while Clark kept his cool

RUGBY LEAGUE Outsiders to meet champions

The champions, Halifax, and the outsiders, Warrington, will meet in the Premiership final at Elland Road, Leeds...

RUGBY UNION England escape as Italians miss their big chance

Italy, who leave for a five-match tour of Australia today, threw away the chance of a second try when they ignored a huge overlap...

Rowing Mannheim answers several questions

Britain ruled the roost in the Mannheim International Regatta over the weekend in which eight countries took part...

Judo Silver for Brown

The new confidence displayed by lightweight Kenneth Brown in gaining a silver medal at the European championships...

Equestrianism Sky Fly makes light of hard going

By Jenny MacArthur. Gillian Greenwood and her 19-year-old mare Sky Fly reigned...

Athletics Today's fixtures

- CRICKET TOUR MATCH (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0) GILBERTSON (Tues) against: GILBERTSON v. GILBERTSON...

Tennis Noah outclasses Lendl

New York (UPI)—Yannick Noah beat the top seed Ivan Lendl in straight sets on Saturday...

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Athletics Overt 5000m win at Oxford boosts his morale

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent. Steve Overt's 5,000 metres track aspirations took on real promise when he won the International Club...

Yachting Drum comes third in Whitbread race

By Barry Pickthall. Simon Le Bon and his crew on the British maxi Drum returned to Portsmouth yesterday to take third place...

Squash Rackets Double disappointment

By Colin McQuillan. The forgotten men of British squash forged back to national recognition yesterday...

Motor Cycling Dunlop delights fans

The World Formula 1 champion, Joey Dunlop, rode through pouring rain to win Ulster's annual North West 200...

Other Sports

Various short news items including mentions of tennis, rowing, and other sports events.

MOTOR RACING

McLaren's day as Prost leads another procession

From John Blunsden, Monte Carlo

Alain Prost scored his 23rd world championship victory yesterday in recording his fifth consecutive success in the Monaco Grand Prix...

take Brundle on the inside entering the right-hand Mirabeau, but Brundle was committed to his line...

Yet this was a race which Prost did not expect to win, despite starting it from pole position...

A less spectacular incident early in the race involved the other drivers of the same two teams when Alan Jones attempted to pass Philippe Streiff...

Senna, who finished a distant third after what he described as "a very hard race... very exhausting"...

Once again the Monaco Grand Prix had turned into an essentially processionary race, which this year brought an unusually low retirement rate...

Michele Alboreto, after holding an early fourth place with his Ferrari...

RESULTS: 1 Alain Prost (France) Marlboro McLaren-TAG 78 laps in 1hr 55min 41.080secs...

Ten laps from the end of the race the closest-fought battle, which was for seventh, eighth and ninth places...

World Championship: Drivers Prost 22 points, 2 Senna 19, 3 Mansell 15...

POLO Withers leads Cowdray to trophy triumph

By John Watson

The Cowdray Park medium-ground polo tournament continued yesterday in cool and blustery conditions...

co-ordinated, particularly the strong duo of the veteran, Withered and Brazill...

Southfield, aggregating a team handicap of 15 against Cowdray's 14...

Both goals were closely defended and the scoreboard showed 2-2 at trading time...

Richart flew in from the United States a couple of hours before the match...

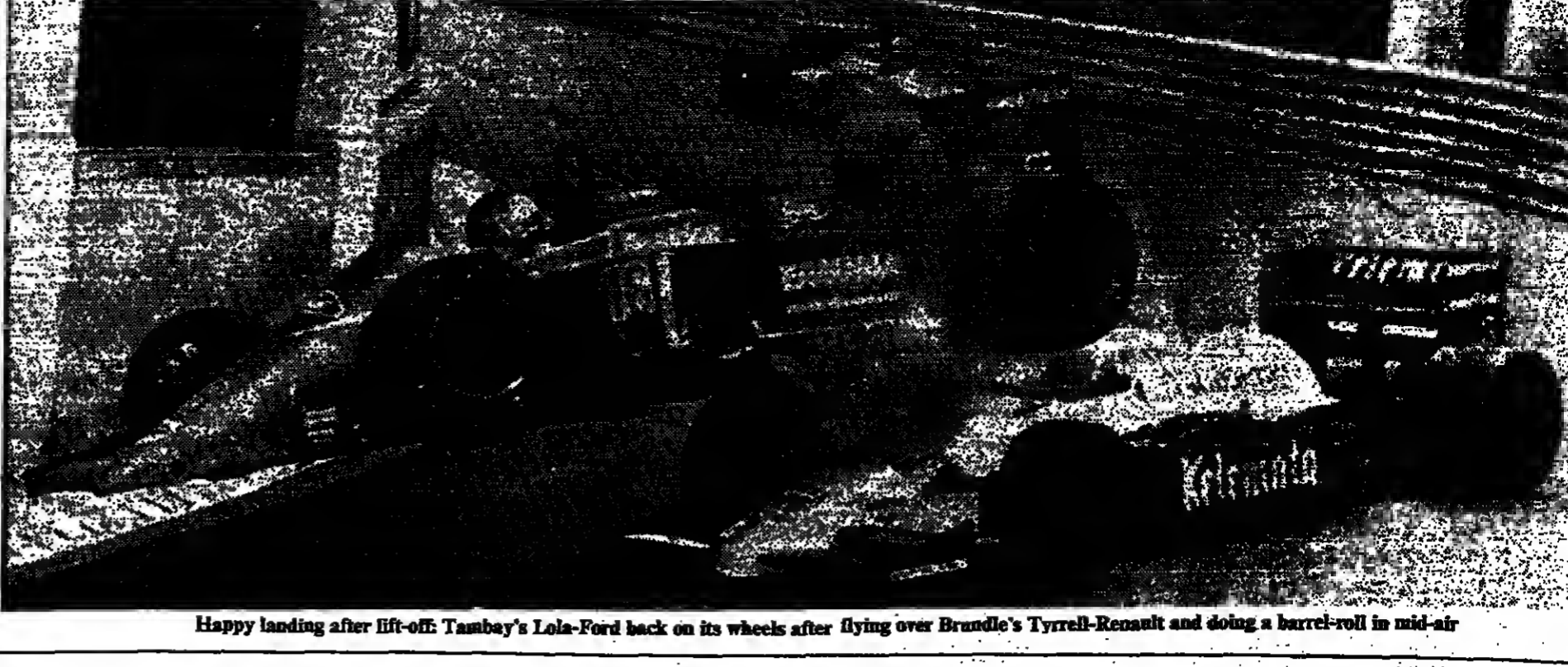
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Cowdray were much better

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCORES

Table of scores for Glamorgan v Leics, Notts v Warwicks, and Wores v Kent. Includes team names, scores, and players.

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Happy landing after lift-off: Tambay's Lola-Ford back on its wheels after flying over Brundle's Tyrrell-Renault and doing a barrel-roll in mid-air

Bairstow keeps up winning ways in rollicking style

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL: Yorkshire (4pts) beat Surrey by six wickets.

A rollicking innings by Bairstow yesterday enabled Yorkshire to take their playing record for the season to five wins in five assorted matches...

Both sides were full of bowlers classified in the pocket reference books as being "RM" (right medium)...

Clinton went along at his own pace, scoring mostly to leg, and making some good lofted hits to the mid-wicket boundary...

struggle to catch up with the clock. Clarke bowled horribly well off his Sunday run...

Surrey scored at four runs an over for their first 20 overs, and at eight an over for their last ten...

After the arrival of Holding, only Imran, and he with difficulty, resisted to any purpose...

CRICKET

Past is put away by Barnett

By Peter Bell

DERBY: Derbyshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets.

It was Old Players' Day at Derby yesterday, a score of the county's former heroes turning up to view the proceedings...

Not even the improvements, however, can totally protect the ground from its openness to the elements...

They began with a misleading flurry, Green alternately propping nervously and playing purposeful shots to set the scoreboard...

By a fifth wicket stand of 65 off 18 overs between Nicholas and ... of 21 runs between Smith and ...

Indians hold out on unhelpful pitch

By Richard Streeton

CHELLENHAM: The Indians, with all their second innings wickets in hand, lead Gloucestershire by 83 runs.

After Gloucestershire declared 51 runs behind, the Indian tourists were left an awkward 35 minutes batting yesterday when their match at the Victoria ground continued here.

Earlier Curran, who hit a six and eight fours, was the most assertive of the county's batsmen. He and Payne shared an unfinished stand of 61 in 14 overs before the declaration.

During fleeting moments of sunshine, the adjacent Cotswold hills looked their best. In the Civil War they housed a Royalist camp...

Prabhakar swung the ball freely and had Stovold caught straight six off him.

Atley was then caught behind, trying to sweep. Bainbridge was caught one-handed by Srikanth diving to his left at short leg.

Yadav took these wickets in nine balls but Curran resisted the initiative with a splendid straight six off him.

Second Innings: K. Gowtham 26, Ramesh Lakshmi 20, Extras (P 1, nb 1) 3.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-24, 3-128, 4-128, 5-134, 6-140, 7-156, 8-156, 9-156, 10-156, 11-156, 12-156, 13-156, 14-156, 15-156, 16-156, 17-156, 18-156, 19-156, 20-156.

Botham hits the mark for Somerset

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Somerset (4pts) beat Middlesex by six wickets.

Somerset won the toss and put Middlesex in to bat. They had them at 41 for four in the seventeenth over, restraining opening spells by Garner and Botham...

going well, the score 84. Mindful of the possibility of rain, they tried to keep the score high...

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Scotland end cup drought

Scotland achieved an historic win in the Benson and Hedges Cup when they beat Lancashire by a narrow margin...

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Nicholas excels with both bat and ball

By Leo Tennant

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by four runs.

By virtue of some tight over-throwing and telling contributions with bat and ball by the captain, Hampshire won this surprisingly low scoring John Player match...

More than anything, Hampshire were unable to get on top of the spinners...

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